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Appeal by UJA will aid housing

TORONTO —

The United Jewish Appeal will join with Jews of the Diaspora in a concerted effort to eradicate slum housing in Israel, says Tubby Cole, 1978 UJA campaign chairman.

Announcing the opening of the annual drive to raise funds for local and Israeli humanitarian needs, Cole said Prime Minister Begin urged members of the recent Prime Minister's Mission to mark Israel's 30th anniversary by raising the funds necessary to build at least 45,000 housing units.

"As a member of that mission," said Cole, "I accepted the challenge on behalf of the Toronto Jewish community. I am confident the Jews of Toronto will back me up in meeting this commitment."

He said the housing commitment has been accepted by all Jewish communities which are part of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal and by the UJA of the United States. "The Israelis are the defenders of the Jewish people and Jewish rights for all of us, no matter where we live," Cole said.

Cole said the prime minister reported that "thousands of Israelis are living under abominable conditions and that this is a blot on Jewish tradition. He wants this situation remedied without delay."

Stressing the primacy of the UJA campaign, he pointed out that for 30 years it has been the principal source of gift dollars to help Israel and the local Jewish educational and social services. The first United Jewish Appeal campaign was launched in Toronto in 1948 as a partnership of the United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Welfare Fund and that partnership continues today as the most effective means of raising the maximum amount of money.

Actually, Cole said, the principle of a combined appeal in Toronto dates back to 1911 when the Co-operative Board of Associated Charities was formed to bring order out of the chaos created by the multiplicity of campaigns being conducted by various Jewish charitable groups.

Each society sent representatives to the board but each raised its own funds until 1917, when the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies was organized to conduct a single campaign "for the welfare of the sick, the orphaned and the widowed."

The federation was expanded to include local Jewish education, overseas relief and national organizations and out of this expanded activity came the United Jewish Welfare Fund (now Toronto Jewish Congress), an effort on the part of the community to meet the needs which no longer could be met separately and to create a body for the orderly planning of the community.

Cole noted that the first Welfare Fund campaign for local needs raised \$140,000. The UJA's 1977-78 allocation for local needs will total well over \$6 million.



BILINGUAL PROTEST

(R. J. Diamond photo)

More than a thousand Canadians took part in annual Simchat Torah demonstrations for Soviet Jewry across the country. In Montreal, young and old carry placards in Russian and English as they march down Peel St. (See Pg. 3.)

Board may test legality of school integration

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO — A subcommittee of the North York Board of Education has unanimously approved its lawyer's recommendation to test in the Supreme Court of Ontario the legality of integrating a Jewish school into the public system.

Douglas Laidlaw, a constitutional lawyer in the firm of McCarthy and McCarthy, has suggested a legal case could be established for integrating the Associated Hebrew Schools without violating The Education Act.

The subcommittee examining the experimental plan has taken Laidlaw's advice, but its motion has yet to be reviewed by the board, which is scheduled to reconvene Oct. 17.

The crux of the debate between North York and the Ministry of Education revolves around interpretation of The Education Act: the government argues that pub-

lic funds cannot support a school where religious courses are compulsory; the board suggested that optionality within its entire system — rather than a single school — could be a proper interpretation.

Laidlaw, who was hired by the board last May, concurred with North York's evaluation of the act. The act, he wrote in a four-page letter, should allow the board the option of determining to

which school it assigns its pupils.

If the school board offers options within its systems, then, it can dictate which school its students can attend and satisfy the Education Act requirements.

Again, should a student enrol at Associated and not attend religious classes, the board, Laidlaw suggested, would be within its bounds to reassign the student to another school.

(Associated had asked North York that the religious component be an integral part of its program should it pursue the experimental plan, and with the exception of the religious subjects, the school would be financed out of public funds.)

Laidlaw also advised the trustees not to pursue the integration plan before it was established whether it contravened the statute. "... I do not feel," he wrote, "that the trustees should expose themselves to conduct which might be shown later to be not authorized by the statute which governs them."

If the application to the Supreme Court is initiated in early October, it is possible that the case would be heard by December. Fee for the application to the court could cost up to \$5,000. The amount of Laidlaw's preliminary report is estimated at around \$1,500.

A number of trustees at last week's subcommittee meeting found the Laidlaw letter to be reassuring. Discussion centred on the course of events following the Supreme Court ruling: Would the government appeal a favorable ruling? Would the government introduce counter-legislation and amend any loopholes allowing for the experimental plan?

Jewish community representatives at the meeting included Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education; Arthur Tanenbaum, director of the Associated Hebrew Schools, and its education chairman Harold Dessen; Ben Schneider, former executive director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, and Aaron Nussbaum, principal of United Synagogue Day Schools.

Agreement nears on settling issue of Sephardi seat

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The stalemate over whether a Sephardi will be included among the 17 Canadian delegates to the 29th World Zionist Congress appears to be approaching an end.

As The Canadian Jewish News went to press Tuesday, it was anticipated that Max Shechter, chairman of the area elections committee, would announce today that the United Zionists of Canada (formerly the Zionists of the '70s) will agree to have a Sephardi occupy one of its two seats.

Neri Bloomfield, who has assumed the leadership of the United Zionists, confirmed the move in a telephone interview earlier this week.

Who the Sephardi delegate will be or what arrangement has been reached with the original founders of the

Zionists of the '70s was not clarified.

The decision to accept a Sephardi follows a suggestion made by Kalman Sultanik, the executive vice-president of the United Zionist Confederation of World Zionists based in New York, when he was in Montreal Sept. 28 to meet with the United Zionists. At that time he advised the group to accept a Sephardic delegate in order to avoid an election.

When last contacted, Charles Chocron, president of the Canadian Sephardic Federation, said he was not aware of any such decision. "At the moment everything is very unclear to me," he said. "Sultanik has promised to give a seat to the Sephardim but the problem now really is who is boss of the Zionists of the '70s. When

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'Disturbing and unwelcome'

U.S.-Soviet view denounced by CIC

MONTREAL (Staff) —

The Canada-Israel Committee has taken the unusual step of sending a letter to the American ambassador to Canada expressing serious concern over the joint statement issued Oct. 1 by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

"(The statement) indicates a disturbing and unwelcome approach to Middle East peace. In particular, your government appears to be determined to impose a settlement on the parties to the dispute by exerting undue pressure on Israel alone," reads the letter to Ambassador Thomas O. Enders signed by CIC National Chairman Norman May.

Stating that the letter represents the views of the Canadian Zionist Federation,

Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, the three sponsoring bodies of the CIC, May says the joint declaration omitted any reference to Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which have been the framework for negotiations and a final peace agreement.

(The Washington-Moscow declaration stated that Palestinians must be involved in Arab-Israeli negotiations and referred to the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians.)

"This is clearly a retrograde step and will only serve to encourage Arab intransigence and delay the peace process. The absence of any reference to a formal peace treaty freely negotiated between the parties to the conflict demonstrates a departure from previous American positions."

The CIC takes issue with President Jimmy Carter's statement of Sept. 28 when he

spoke on conditions preceding any initiation of United States-PLO discussions.

"...A very serious shift towards the Arab position appears to be evident from both President Carter's statement last Thursday and the joint declaration."

According to May, Carter made the "significant error" of viewing Resolution 242 as clearly recognizing Israel's right to exist.

"Such is not the case since 242 does not refer to Israel by name, but only to 'every state in the area.' Therefore, any party which does not recognize Israel as a state can accept 242 and not accept Israel's right to exist."

The statement by Egyptian Foreign Minister Fahmy last week that Egypt would for the first time be prepared to accept Israel's right to exist clearly demonstrates that Egypt's original acceptance of Resolution 242 did not constitute recognition of Isra-

el, May notes.

The reference in the joint statement to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people is a "clear and dangerous change in American policy" and Carter's interest in bringing the PLO into negotiations will only serve to undermine such negotiations, the letter states.

"These developments have created grave apprehensions among Canadians who are interested in Israel's security and a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," May continues. "We ask that you convey these views to your government with the hope that reason, morality and justice will once again prevail in the formulation of American policy towards that area of the world."

A copy of the letter was sent to Don Jamieson, the secretary of state for external affairs.

(See analysis, page 4.)

Canada's abstention on PLO issue is branded as 'particularly gutless'

TORONTO (Staff) —

Canada's decision to abstain on a vote allowing the PLO to take part as an observer in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has been branded as "gutless" by Nick Simmonds, director of communications, Canada-Israel Committee.

"We feel Canada's decision to abstain was a particularly gutless move. It was not taken on the basis of principle, but on the basis of expediency," he said Tuesday.

The ICAO voted by a wide margin Monday in Montreal to allow the PLO to participate in the proceedings of the UN-affiliated body. The U.S., Israel and South Africa were the only countries to vote against the resolution backed by 70 Third World and Soviet bloc nations.

Canada abstained along with 32 other members. The Canadian delegate voted to introduce the resolution but refrained from voting on it.

Jean-Paul Vaillancourt, head of the Canadian ICAO delegation, told reporters that Canada avoided the vote because of what he called "uneasiness" about the resolution. He said the delegation refused to vote in opposition to the resolution because Ottawa wishes to "promote dialogue" with the PLO.

Simmonds said the Canadian vote was motivated by expediency. "The Canadians looked around and when they found that only three countries were against it, they took the safe path and abstained."

He said it was ironic, disturbing and farcical that the PLO, which has claimed

credit for a number of hijackings, was permitted to join an organization dedicated to combatting air piracy.

Canada's position, he added, constituted an erosion of its "principled position" on the Middle East. He explained that Ottawa seems to be advocating, for the first time, international dialogue with

the PLO even before that group accepts the existence of Israel. In this respect, Ottawa's stance "goes beyond the U.S. position."

"We take this vote very, very seriously," said Simmonds, who disclosed that the CIC intends to take up the matter with officials in Ottawa.

Yigal Allon to address Adath Israel Bonds dinner

TORONTO —

Former Israeli foreign minister, Yigal Allon, will address an Adath Israel Congregation Bonds dinner Thursday, Oct. 13.

The event will also celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the congregation and the 10th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification.

On Oct. 27 the Labor Zionist Alliance of Canada, Central Region, and its constituents will honor Allon. The mass meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at the Borocho

Centre and the public is welcome.

A member of the Knesset since 1954, Allon has served as deputy prime minister, minister of absorption and minister of education and culture. For three years until June 1977, he occupied the key post as minister for foreign affairs.

Adath Israel began as the Romanian Hebrew Congregation in 1903. It has grown through the years to a membership of 1,200, and ranks as one of the great congregations in Toronto.

It has been in the front

ranks of the community in its support of the Israel Bond program, and has shown consistent increases in the numbers of Bond supporters year after year.

Dr. Gerald I. Weisbrod is serving as Adath Israel chairman, and master-of-ceremonies at the Oct. 13 dinner. Program participants will include Dr. H. Leonard Goodman, Adath Israel president, and Judge Philip G. Givens. Sally Weisbrod is dinner arrangements chairperson. For further information, please contact Adath Israel Synagogue, 635-5340.

Notable, colorful career ends in passing of Meyer Weisgal

REHOVOT (JTA) —

Meyer W. Weisgal, chancellor, former president and principal architect of the Weizmann Institute of Science, leader of the American committee that created it and devoted disciple of Chaim Weizmann, died here last week at the age of 83 after a long illness.

His death ended a notable career that spanned three continents, bridged the worlds of journalism, drama, literature and science, and was studied with contributions to the creation of the state of Israel and its development.

Born in Poland, Weisgal came to the United States in his youth, studied journalism at Columbia University, and served in the U.S. army in World War I. His long association with the Zionist Organization of America began in 1915 and continued until 1930.

During this period he edited a number of leading Zionist publications, including The Maccabean, subsequently converted into The New Palestine, which, under his editorship, became the outstanding Jewish publication in the United States.

He also edited the Jewish Standard of Toronto. According to CJN columnist J.B. Salsberg, Weisgal "hit the



Meyer W. Weisgal

mann, with whom he established relationships that endured throughout their lifetimes.

In 1933 he conceived and directed first The Romance of a People at the Chicago World's Fair and in New York, and then in 1937 produced The Eternal Road, a biblical spectacle. In 1939 he built and directed the Palestine Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

In 1940, Weisgal returned actively to Zionist affairs by becoming Weizmann's personal political representative in the U.S. and shortly thereafter helped establish the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

In 1943 he was appointed organizing secretary of the American Jewish Conference which helped to bring about agreement on the part of all American Jewish organizations, Zionist and non-Zionist, to seek broad support for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine at the end of World War II.

Through his increasingly intimate relationship with Weizmann, Weisgal became interested in the Daniel Sieff Research Institute which Weizmann had founded in 1934 in Rehovot. In 1944, he spearheaded the formation of the American Committee for

the Weizmann Institute of Science.

In 1951, Weisgal took a year's leave of absence from the Weizmann Institute to serve as vice-president of the State of Israel Bond Organization in the U.S. and organized the successful American visit of Premier David Ben-Gurion which launched the Bond organization's first drive for \$500 million.

Weisgal's close connection with the arts led him to become the chairman of the board of directors of Tel Aviv's Cameri Theatre and the initiator of the Itzik Manger Prize for Yiddish literature. He also served as editor of Chaim Weizmann, A Biography by Several Hands, published in 1963.

In 1972 his own memoirs, entitled Meyer Weisgal ... So Far, were published in the U.S. They were translated into several other languages and enjoyed wide critical and popular acclaim.

Among the honors conferred upon Weisgal were the Weizmann Institute's first PhD Honoris Causa (1964); an honorary doctorate of Brandeis University (1969); an honorary doctorate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1969); The Rothschild Prize for Merit (1969), awar-

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Dayan to speak at appeal rally

MONTREAL —

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan will take time out from talks at the United Nations to address a public rally Sunday, Oct. 9 at the Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob Congregation.

Dayan will speak on current conditions in the Middle East and is expected to touch on the recent shifts in Israeli policy in its negotiations with the Arabs.

Upon arrival in Montreal Sunday afternoon, the foreign minister will meet with community leadership, then speak at the rally at 8 p.m. and return to New York late the same night.

Dayan's visit is under the auspices of the Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund.

World News

A RESPITE FROM WAR IN LEBANON

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

It was a Saturday night poolside party at one of Jerusalem's luxury hotels. The exuberant young people, stylishly dressed in figure-hugging tops and pants, looked like any average crowd of young Israelis as they danced and clapped.

But if one looked closely, one could see that the pendants round their neck were not Stars of David, but crosses. Incredible as it might seem, these carefree-looking boys and girls had been fully engaged, only the day before, in the defence of Christian villages in southern Lebanon.

The idea of giving some of south Lebanon's villagers a rest from the strains and tragedies of the fighting came to Simon Cooper, manager of the Jerusalem Plaza, a CP hotel, after a visit to the Good Fence. "Businessmen can often cross borders that politicians will never get across," said British-born Cooper, who came to his new post at the Jerusalem Plaza from Montreal's Chateau Champlain, where he was assistant manager.

Cooper met with aides of Major Haddad,

leader of the Christian forces in southern Lebanon, and they picked the 36 battle-scarred youngsters from three villages, Marjayoun, Kliya and Roumish. Forty-five people had initially been invited, Cooper said. But no more than 36 could be spared, even though none were officers.

Arrangements for the trip took two weeks. Then one Friday, in the early hours of the morning, three parties of youngsters crossed the border at Metulla, Dovev and Hanita, and travelled to Jerusalem by bus. All the members of the group belonged to the Maronite community, and high on their list of priorities were visits to the Christian holy places in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, and contacts with relatives and other members of the Maronite community in Israel.

On their arrival they were welcomed by the head of the Maronite Church in Israel, Monsignor Augustine Harfousche, who conducted High Mass for them on the Sunday of their visit, in the Maronite church in Jerusalem.

Apart from brief visits to the Knesset and the Israel Museum, the main purpose of their visit was relaxation. "They've been

spending their time so far, mainly, by the pool," said Cooper in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News.

"They were uncertain at first. Now they're thoroughly enjoying themselves — just like kids the world over," he added before he was dragged away by some of the Lebanese youngsters into a stamping, singing semi-circle of dancers whose leader was swinging a kerchief high in the air.

The youngsters were showing their hosts how to dance the traditional debka, and later on their hosts returned the compliment by showing them how to do the hora.

"It's the first time I've seen boys and girls dancing the debka together," declared a middle-aged Lebanese woman who was with the group, laughing indulgently. The woman, who declined for security reasons to give her name, spoke fluent Hebrew. "I was born in Haifa, fled to Lebanon in 1948," she said. Now her husband travels into Israel every day via the Good Fence to his job in Safed.

The friendliness and informality of the group made one want to believe that enmity and war could become things of the past. But members of the group, despite the fact

that they were evidently enjoying themselves, were not overly optimistic about the future. The present hostilities could take months to taper off, a 21-year-old student said in halting English.

As for normal relations between Israel and the southern area of Lebanon? "You have to look at it this way," the student said, pursing his lips and shaking his head: "Next to our village is a Moslem one. All its inhabitants abandoned it after Israeli shelling. We are deeply grateful to Israel for the support she has given us, and the weapons which enabled us to carry on our fight. But our Moslem neighbors will never agree to peaceful relations with Israel."

The vast majority of the group were either high school students in their last year at school, or university students whose studies had been interrupted by the war.

The same student observed: "I was doing first year experimental science, but who knows if I'll ever get back to it? Perhaps at this moment a mortar is dropping shells on my home. When I return home to my village in Lebanon, I return to the gun."



Christians from villages in southern Lebanon enjoy a poolside party in Jerusalem Plaza Hotel. The idea of inviting Lebanese came from Simon Cooper, the hotel manager.



Ilana Bassi, producer for Israel radio station on Dar el Izza and Dr. Jacob Shanon, professor of dermatology at Hebrew University medical centre, take part in show beamed to Arab countries. Weekly program features discussion of various diseases and answers to questions sent from Arab nations.

Philadelphia's Germans object to Holocaust study

NEW YORK (JCN) —

Philadelphia's citizens of German origin are strongly objecting to education authority plans to extend the study of the Holocaust to all the city's public secondary schools.

The study, already introduced in some of the schools last year, will form part of a world history course in the ninth grade in 26 senior and 40 junior high schools. Officials say that it is the first of its kind to be made part of the regular public schools' syllabus in a large American city.

Both the Metropolitan Christian Council, the main Protestant organization in the city, and the Catholic archdiocese, have joined the Jewish community in supporting the extension of the course, which has been devised by a team of scholars, including Franklin Littell, the chairman of Temple University's religion department.

The opposition was

voiced by the Rev. Hans

Haug, the chairman of the German-American Committee of Greater Philadelphia, which claims to represent 50,000 German-Americans out of a total population of some two million.

He said that a teachers' guide prepared for the course "gives the impression that Nazis were the only ones who committed crimes against humanity and that the Jews were the only ones who suffered to any great extent. In the minds of Americans, Nazi and Germany are identical."

Haug also said that the guide gave the impression that genocide was

only ones who suffered to any great extent. In the minds of Americans, Nazi and Germany are identical."

Haug also said that the guide gave the impression that genocide was

"mainly a Teutonic phenomenon" and he called this "a falsification of history."

He then suggested a reduction in the amount of Holocaust material in the course and the substitution of what he called "genocides" by the Soviet government, by Moslems and Hindus in India in the

late 1940s, by the Communist-oriented government in Cambodia and by other nations and groups.

Gilbert Bob, the Jewish Community Relations Council's information director, said: "We have no argument with Mr. Haug. We do not confuse Germans with Nazis. There will be no concerted effort on our part to debate it."

Chief rabbi may intervene in Sydney shul dispute

Sydney, Australia (JCN) —

Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits, chief rabbi of Britain, may be asked to intervene in a dispute between a Sydney synagogue and its rabbi.

The dispute has lasted for several months, when the Western Suburbs Synagogue decided to discontinue the services of its rabbi, R. Fisher. The Association of Jewish Ministers has placed a "ban" on the synagogue's attempt to appoint a new rabbi in Fisher's place.

The New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies is attempting to mediate in the dispute. However, the synagogue's president, Sam Pizem, said that if an amicable agreement could not be reached, the chief rabbi would be approached to intervene.

Israel outpays Saudis in 1976 UN dues

NEW YORK, N.Y. —

Israel's contribution to the United Nations in 1976 was assessed at \$671,867 while Saudi Arabia's was set at \$191,961. Last year Israel had to contribute more than any of the OPEC nations with the exception of Venezuela.

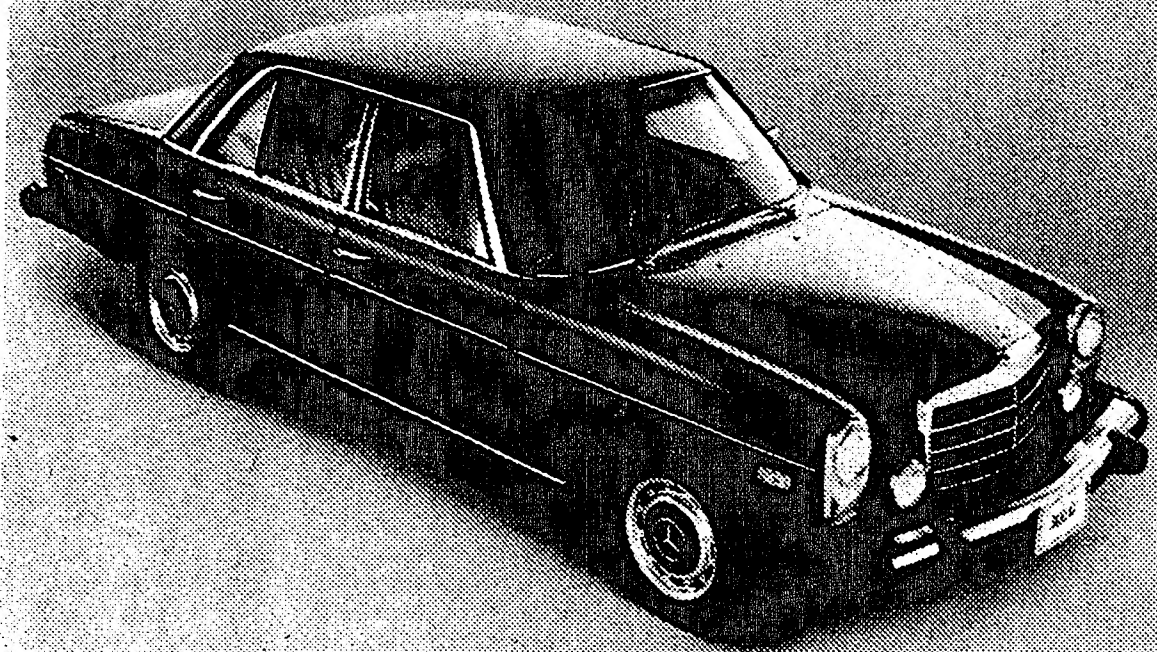
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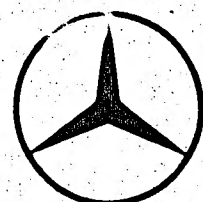
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National News

JNF park will honor Davis



Toronto young people dance in city hall square last Sunday during annual Simchat Torah demonstration. (Congress-Groskind photo)

TORONTO — A 16 acre site — to be named Ontario Place — will be developed in the Jerusalem Forest in honor of Premier William G. Davis on the occasion of the Toronto Negev testimonial dinner being given him on Nov. 23.

The Negev Dinner — sponsored by the Jewish National Fund — has been the Toronto Jewish community's largest occasion

of tribute for giving public recognition to distinguished personalities who, through their leadership, have contributed to the improvement of Jewish life in Canada and abroad.

In making the announcement, David L. Dennis, board chairman of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto, said that Ontario Place will form a major new component of

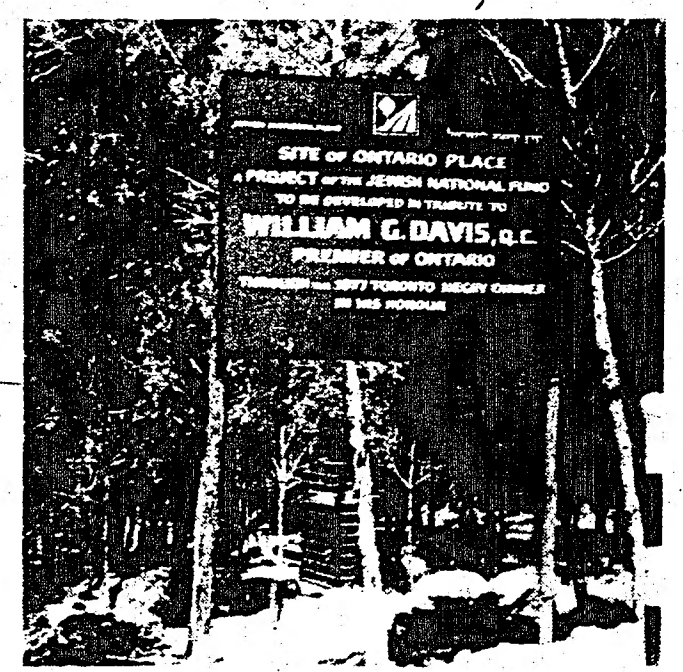
the Jerusalem Forest, situated in the western sector of Israel's capital city. Its children's playground, picnic area and physical fitness facilities — to be located on both sides of the main forest road — will serve the urgent leisure needs of Jerusalem's citizens, as well as those from nearby settlements.

Ontario Place is within easy walking distance of many parts of the city and is only minutes by foot from Mount Herzl and Yad Vashem, the Hebrew University, the Knesset, the Israel Museum and many other important institutions.

A number of corporations and individuals have already made special gifts toward the creation of Ontario Place as an expression of esteem for the Ontario premier. It is expected that the list of donors will grow substantially in the weeks between now and the Negev testimonial dinner.

At a meeting with the Jewish National Fund leaders, Davis voiced his pleasure in being linked personally with the Holy City through this project and indicated that he looks forward to returning to Israel at an early date to dedicate it.

In order to improve the decorum at the Negev Dinner and also to assure maximum comfort for the 1,500 expected guests, the Jewish National Fund is initiating a new policy whereby reserved seating is guaranteed to all participants, provided the full payment of the current pledge and ticket request has been received by not later than Nov. 1.



This is site of Ontario Place Forest in Jerusalem Park.

N.B. chronicler dies; depicted small-town life

NEWCASTLE, N.B. — Journalist Graham Galloway says "the world of Canadian letters has lost a promising talent that was just starting to find itself" in the death of Melvin Jacobson at the age of 50.

Both Galloway and Jacobson came from the same town, Chatham, N.B., and worked together for British United Press in the late 1940s.

Says Galloway: "Jacobson was the author of several books, but in Min-

yan, a collection of short stories, he gave a to our Miramichi heritage a literary look at small-town life in Chatham and the Jewish presence there.

"Mel Jacobson deserves the highest of all honor: he was a craftsman. He sought not for money but to be remembered — his work is a good guide for young, aspiring writers. It is a contribution to Jewish literature in Canada and now an important part of our Miramichi history."

Jacobson, who has a brother, Robert, living in Newcastle, has left an unpublished manuscript completed just prior to his death in Montreal.

Soviet Jewry protest

[Staff] — Under rainy skies, less than 1,000 people gathered in Montreal's Dominion Square and Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square for the annual Simchat Torah rallies of protest for Soviet Jewry.

An intermittent drizzle didn't dampen the spirits of over 500 protesters in Toronto — the majority of them students. Jubilant choruses were ironically juxtaposed to public prayers and a tape-recorded telephone message from a Riga Refusenik.

The plight of Soviet Jewry, said Max Shechter, national chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, has worsened in the past year. An internal anti-Semitic campaign is being fiercely waged in the USSR, while violations of the Helsinki human rights provisions have resulted in the imprisonment of Jewish dissidents and the curtailment of a cultural symposium last December.

"Simchat Torah is the highpoint of contact with activists," Shechter added. "Let us make sure that our voices are heard loud and clear in the Kremlin, so that 'this year in Jerusalem' is at last a reality for the Jews in the Soviet Union."

The focus of both the Toronto and Montreal rallies was the case of Anatoly Scharansky, a 29-year-old Moscow computer mathematician who has not been heard from since his detention in the Lefortovo Prison on March.

A highly-spirited group of 300 demonstrators in Montreal raised banners



Max Shechter

and placards of protest in a procession to the Soviet consulate, where they heard a stirring appeal from Rabbi Joshua Shmidman of the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue.

Earlier in the day another protest was held outside the Montreal Forum where the Moscow Circus is currently performing. About 25 mem-

bers of the Student Struggle For Soviet Jewry, distributing leaflets and balloons, urged people to support the right of Russian Jewish citizens to pursue their cultural heritage.

A heated discussion ensued between three protesters and a Soviet official. Armed with a sociology text book, the official was strongly advocating the position of an American sociologist who claims that anti-Semitism in the United States exceeds that of the Soviet Union. The Soviet discounted the leaflets as "Jewish propaganda."

According to Mark Zuricki, a member of the SSSJ, the Soviet government is highly sensitive to negative reactions in the West. "Last June we demonstrated for the release of nine Jewish ac-

tivists including Scharansky and (Josef) Begun, who are still being detained. The other seven have since been released."

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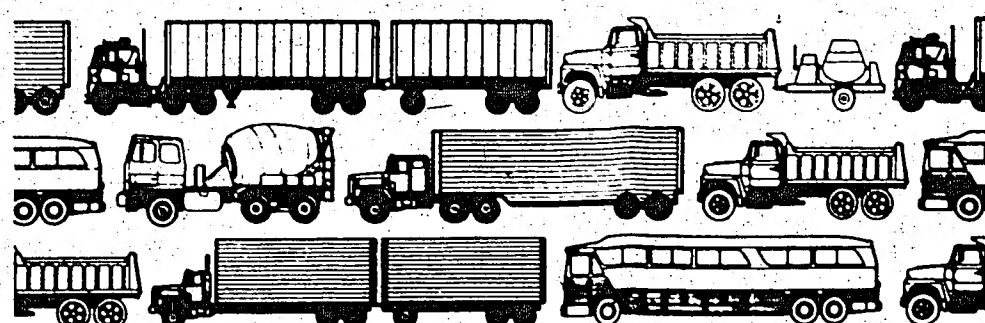
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Reverse discrimination

The CBC feud with ACTRA (Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists) has spilled beyond the socio-political, nationalistic debate to the ethnic-religious dispute. While in the past the disagreement between the two combatants centred on Canadian chauvinism, it has now spread to include a polemic on a performer's religious credentials.

Need an actor to be Jewish to portray a Jewish character on the television screen? Yes, says John Hirsch, director of drama for CBC, which planned to stage an updated version of Ben Jonson's *The Alchemist*. Assuming as its milieu Toronto's former Jewish quarter, *The Alchemist* of Cecil Street was cancelled on Hirsch's claim that he was unsuccessful in finding a middle-aged, male Jewish actor available in this country to take the lead role.

ACTRA challenged the CBC's attempt to seek out a foreign candidate, arguing that not being Jewish in no way inhibits or invalidates a host of competent homegrown professionals. The debate has now been put forward to Canada's new commissioner of human rights, Gordon Fairweather, for his scrutiny.

Without entering into the nationalism dialectic, we would counsel Mr. Fairweather to examine well ACTRA's case. For this particular alteration is an excellent example of the excesses of a cultural, reverse discrimination. Why is it that American producers did not challenge Valerie Harper's religious inclinations in judging her merits for portraying the classic, Bronx-bred Jewess, Rhoda? Nor did the selection of Anne Bancroft to play the quintessentially Jewish Golda Meir raise even a murmur

of opposition. Nobody questioned Peter Finch as Yitzhak Rabin in the television dramatization of the Entebbe raid.

Expertise is what is at stake — or should be — in casting a character, whether Jewish or not. Disqualifying an actor on religious grounds is equally as abhorrent as the blacklisting of performers on a pseudo-political basis, as the extremism of the McCarthy era illustrated so well. In the early years of film, as well as television, broadcasting opened opportunities for Jews when discrimination blocked them from many other fields, socially, economically and even politically. A reverse form of discrimination against non-Jewish performers, even in one isolated case, should be strongly resisted.

Television and radio, both in the United States and Canada, have never been strait-jacketed by ethnic or religious biases and the Jewish contribution to technical, managerial and artistic facets of the industry has been well documented: the David Sarnoffs, David Susskind, Jack Benjamins, Sid Caesars in the U.S. and CBC's own Wayne and Shuster, Percy Saltzman, Bernard Ostry, Mark Starowicz, Perry Rosemond and even John Hirsch.

So well-received has been that Jewish achievement in broadcasting that propagandists have used that fact to bolster their venomous charges that Jews control the airwaves for their own political and conspiratorial purposes. Throwing an element of religious discrimination into the CBC-ACTRA debate may well feed the propagandists' pen. Where are our Jewish human rights activists and civil libertarians now in the face of an injustice?

New Judaisms

There is a midrash which depicts Moses miraculously resuscitated in the age of Rabbi Akiva and visiting a Talmudic academy. As he listens to learned discourses on Torah, Moses finds that he cannot understand the multitude of interpretations and laws which the rabbis have developed from his own laws.

If Moses found himself in a quandary during Akiva's time, imagine what his reaction would be today to the proliferation of Judaisms that abound in modern society. He would have his choice among a wide range of modern expressions of the Jewish spirit.

First, there is right-wing Orthodox Judaism, manifested in what has been inelegantly termed, the "black yeshivas." Orthodox also has a centrist wing which attracts American-born Jews who are slightly more acculturated. Some might even argue that there is a left-wing among Orthodox composed of certain daring individuals who have dallied with the more liberal segments in North American Judaism.

Moses would undoubtedly be confused by that child of the Judische Wissenschaft, Conservative Judaism, which, in its several incarnations, can be at times attuned to Orthodoxy when it comes to the sanctity of Halacha, or, alternately, to the twin brother, Reform, in some of its extreme manifestations in the United States.

Then there is Reconstructionism, that child of Mordechai Kaplan and dissenting Conservative rabbis who have founded a 20th century version of Judaism, stripped of supernaturalism but impregnated with

ahavat Israel and the centrality of Zion for Jewish civilization.

Reform Judaism would represent a conundrum for Moses, our teacher. Until recently it repudiated Moses' legislation almost categorically. And it rejected the notion that Jews were any more than a religious group.

Today, Reform Judaism has its traditionalists who urge a return to the ceremonies and rituals of old. Its centrists preach the unity of the Jewish people and the importance of the ancestral homeland. The extreme radical Reformists, the American Council for Judaism types, although considerably diminished in numbers and influence still teaches that Judaism is a religion and nothing more, and that Zionism is a bad word.

There is more. The seventh decade of the 20th century has seen the emergence of new Judaisms, that of the chavura and the farbrengen. Let us add to this list the latest sub-species, known as Humanistic Judaism, an offshoot of several liberal trends in modern Jewish life.

Moses would be embarrassed at the embarrass de richesses that confront the Jew today as he attempts to select that form of Judaism which is most congenial to him.

Cynics might conclude that Judaism is going the way of Protestantism with its multiplication of "authentic" forms of Judaism.

Be that as it may, the traditional expression, "ken yirbu — so let them increase," was not intended to apply to the creations of new Judaisms every few years.

French scruples

Some months ago, we commended the French government for passing anti-boycott legislation prohibiting state or state-linked agencies from participating in economic discrimination for ethnic, racial or religious reasons. In the context of France's pro-Arab foreign policy, it seemed significant that Prime Minister Barre was willing to risk antagonizing the Arabs for the sake of a principle.

Unfortunately, Mr. Barre was not sincere when he denounced the odious concept of boycotts. Though it escaped the attention of most observers, the French law contained a convenient loophole allowing the government to suspend enforcement under exceptional cases involving economic and commercial relations abroad.

The growth of French exports to the Arab world has lagged behind that of other Western nations, and this is perhaps why Paris decided to disregard the anti-boycott legislation it itself introduced and promulgated.

Prime Minister Barre's devious decision, which brought howls of protest from Israel, is not likely to be rescinded, partly because the Arab boycott has proved more effective in France than in any other Western European country.

Now that the government has shown its true colors, French industrialists have a genuine "excuse" for blackballing Israel and submitting to the Arabs. And the government, which through its banks and other agencies invariably turned a blind eye to the boycott, can now enlist the support of those powerful institutions to increase French exports to the Arab Middle East.

Frankly, we are not too surprised that the French opted to turn the anti-boycott legislation on its head. Ever since Charles de Gaulle used the Six Day War as a naked pretext to cool relations with Israel, the French have gone out of their way to curry favor with the Arabs.

In the opening days of the 1967 conflict, France imposed an arms embargo on the combatants, knowing full well that the ruling would affect only Israel. The 50 Mirage jets earmarked for the Israeli air force were put into mothballs and, several years later, sold to the highest Arab bidder.

Pretensions of morality notwithstanding, Prime Minister Pompidou then cleared the way for widespread arms sales to the Arabs. And as that cultured gentleman spoke of the horrors of war and of the necessity to solve the Arab-Israeli dispute through diplomatic means, Dassault Aircraft representatives in Cairo, Damascus and Riyadh established new sales records. Early this year, France agreed to set up a sophisticated jet factory in Egypt.

But French duplicity is hardly confined to just military and economic matters.

Although the government was on record as being unalterably opposed to terrorism, France shamed itself in the notorious Abu Daoud affair. The prime minister recoiled in fear and degradation when the true test confronted him and his cabinet.

Expediency, once again, won the day in Paris.

And thus we may be forgiven for wondering what to expect next from a government that appears to be without scruples.

One man moves in, another leaves; they disagree over Quebec's future

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL — Glenn Peppiatt, a native Torontonian, believes that people leaving Quebec are making a grave mistake. He, for one, is very optimistic about the future of the province. Peppiatt recently arrived here to assume his duties as research analyst for the Canadian Economic Policy Committee of the C.D. Howe Research Institute, a non-profit data-gathering and consulting firm in downtown Montreal.

"The exodus of young people," he says, "particularly in the Jewish community, is out of proportion to the current difficulties and comes from an unjustifiable feeling of panic. It's gotten out of hand completely." He admits that friends in Toronto discouraged him from moving to Montreal. Since his arrival, he has found their concern to be totally unwarranted. He says the francophone population of the city has been very friendly and quite willing to address him in English when his French vocabulary fails him. The only exception to this general picture of co-operation has been the bane of all anglophone Montreal — the downtown post office.

Like most arrivals to Montreal, Peppiatt was struck by the cosmopolitan range of the city. When informed that Cultural Development Minister Camille Laurin stated recently that he would be prepared to sacrifice the cosmopolitan nature of Montreal for the sake of "ethnocentricity," Peppiatt doubted whether Montreal would allow itself to be sacrificed.

He believes that the Quebecois as a whole will reject the referendum on independence. He says that the voting public is not as naive as the PQ leadership thinks it is and is already turning against the present government. He feels the key to the future lies with the provincial Liberal party and its next leader.

Peppiatt is a professional economist specializing in the evaluation of government services. He has undertaken numerous research projects for the federal government and for the governments of Ontario and Saskatchewan.

These include Arctic land use studies for the Department of Indian Affairs, energy policy research for the Department of Indian Affairs, energy policy research for the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and administrative analysis for the Ministry of Energy of Ontario.

At the C.D. Howe Research Institute, he and a staff of researchers produce reports on energy, agriculture, monetary and fiscal policy for individuals, governments and private corporations. C.D. Howe's function in Canada closely parallels that of the Rand Corporation in the United States, with the exception that Howe does not undertake any military or strategic studies.

Peppiatt is currently helping to prepare a study on the equalization payments Quebec receives from the federal government. The purpose of these studies is to establish whether the grievances Quebec has with Ottawa are legitimate. "We are also gathering data to ascertain whether or not Quebec can sustain itself as an independent entity."

He recognizes that the ultimate decision on the future of Canada rests with the people of Quebec. He does not, however, regard this as an excuse to be pessimistic. He scoffs at those who attempt to draw parallels between Levesque and Hitler.

By the end of the year, Peppiatt hopes to establish his own consulting firm which he will operate in addition to his responsibilities with Howe.

"Living in Montreal, I feel I have nothing to lose and everything to gain," he said. He looks forward to playing an active role in the

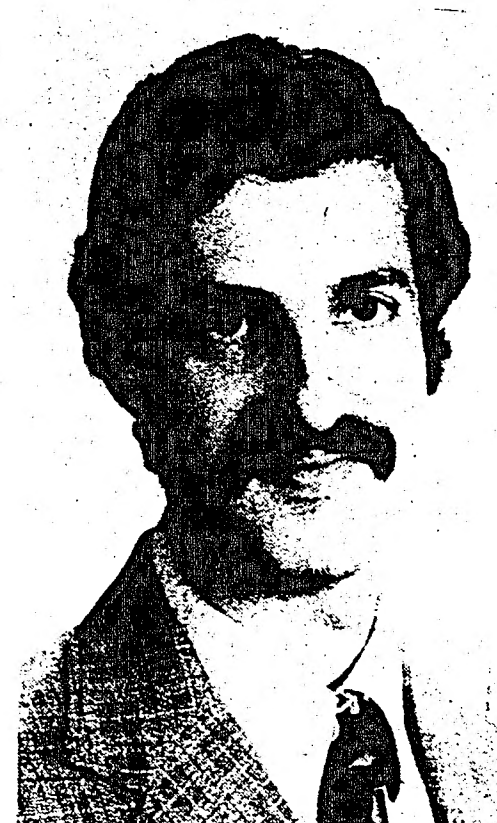


Glenn Peppiatt

Jewish community here. In Toronto, he was active in the Holy Blossom Temple and Jewish Information Services.

Robert Joseph, 26, recently packed his belongings and left his native Montreal to take up the position of financial analyst for General Foods in Toronto. In contrast to Glenn Peppiatt's optimistic outlook on Quebec, Joseph's assessment of the situation is somewhat bleak.

"I decided to leave," he said, "because I did not find the political and economic climate very promising for starting a career. During the time I did look for a job here, two multi-national companies, one of them



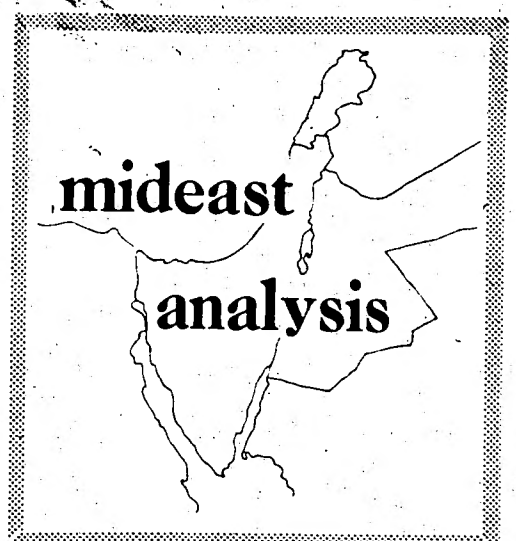
Robert Joseph

Canadian-owned, told me that no matter how fluent I was in French, it was their policy to hire only francophones."

Joseph is a graduate of McGill University in economics and labor relations and holds an MBA from Queen's University, Kingston. He has worked a number of years as a financial analyst and economist in both the private and public sector. Job discrimination, he said, is not something he takes kindly to.

"It's a relief to be in Toronto where the pressing political issues seem to be whether to sell beer at baseball games or where Mosport raceway should be moved," he quipped.

Can Israel redirect American policy of quiet, indirect talks with the PLO?



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Cairo's semi-official and authoritative newspaper, Al-Ahram, disclosed recently that a "silent dialogue" between the U.S. and the PLO is underway. Judging by the events of the last two weeks, observers

have good reason to trust Al-Ahram's report.

This week, Washington and Moscow — in a rare display of unanimity — issued a joint declaration on the Middle East stating that the Palestinians must be involved in Arab-Israeli negotiations. The declaration referred to the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians. In the past, another formula — the "legitimate interests" — had been used.

Israel reacted with bitterness in rejecting the declaration, and Acting Prime Minister Simcha Erlich said it seemed designed to make his country drop its resistance to meeting representatives of the PLO. The Labor Opposition joined the Likud in denouncing the declaration. Yitzhak Rabin described it as "a serious retreat by the U.S." from previous promises, while Yigal Allon asserted that "Israel's vital interests must not be sacrificed on the altar of appeasement."

As shocking as the declaration may have been, Washington had prepared the ground for it. In mid-September, when the Israelis knew beyond a doubt that the U.S. was carrying on an unobtrusive, indirect dialogue with the PLO, the State Department noted that "the Palestinians must be involved in the peacemaking process" to ensure a successful Arab-Israeli settlement. Last week, in a policy shift, President Carter said the PLO "represents certainly a substantial part of the Palestinians."

To Israel, which perceives the PLO as "a gang of murderers," Carter's characterization smacked of betrayal.

in the region — agreed to co-operate with the U.S. It was not enough for the U.S. to rely on old Arab allies, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, to break the political logjam in the Middle East, he told Nixon.

Although Kissinger regarded the radical Palestinians with a measure of disdain, he realized that an American rapprochement with Egypt and Syria would founder unless the U.S. adopted a more understanding attitude towards the Palestinians. Kissinger was perfectly aware that the Egyptians and the Syrians had used, and were using, the Palestinians for their own political ends. But he also knew that if either country abandoned them it would be at their own peril.

In his subsequent Middle East shuttle diplomacy, Kissinger avoided the Palestinian question like the plague. But, as he stressed to Anwar Sadat and Hafez el-Assad, he was never under the illusion that a final agreement was attainable without the full participation of the Palestinians, or the organization deemed by the Arabs to represent them at international forums.

Gerald Ford, Nixon's successor, did not make any substantial attempts to get the Palestinians involved in Middle East diplomacy. Nevertheless, pro-Israel organizations voiced concern over clandestine talks between U.S. junior diplomats and PLO officials in the waning days of the Lebanese civil war.

And Israel lobbyists in Washington were disturbed over remarks made by Harold Saunders, a high State Department official who told a Congressional hearing two years ago that the Palestinians constituted one of the key elements in the Arab-Israeli dispute. Though Kissinger later disavowed Saunders' analysis, it was a telling commentary on the nature of the evolving U.S. policy that he could have articulated such a daring idea in the first place.

Jimmy Carter has displayed little timidity in expressing his views on the Palestinians. Within two months of his inauguration, he called for a Palestinian homeland, and at a press conference in Plains, Georgia, he shocked Israel by saying the U.S. might sit down with the PLO if it accepted Resolution 242.

The PLO turned down Carter's offer, and Carter characterized the refusal as "an obstacle in the way of our efforts to convene a peace conference." Despite the rebuff by the PLO, Israelis are worried. They fear the Carter administration might eventually press Israel to modify its policy and negotiate with the PLO.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has already accused the U.S. of "going back on what they agreed to in writing." He was referring to a clause in the 1975 Sinai II disengagement pact whereby Washington pledged not to negotiate with the PLO unless Israel consented.

Certainly, the U.S. is not about to begin a public dialogue with the PLO; the PLO must at least accept Resolution 242 before that happens. Yet Dayan is basically correct in assuming that Washington has begun indirect, quiet talks with the PLO and therefore reneged on its 1975 promise.

The question now is whether Israel can do anything about the thrust of American diplomacy.

His youth provided no hint of prominence to come



landmark events in our history

By ROCHELLE CARR

It was Oct. 7, 1849. Young Mayer Lehman was working hard in Montgomery, Ala. When he arrived the year before from Bavaria, he joined his brothers, Henry and Emanuel, in their shop which eventually dealt mainly in cotton. Right from the beginning his business ventures were successful. Ten years after his arrival he married Babette Goldsmith, who gave birth to eight children.

The second youngest was Irving, who married the daughter of Nathan Straus and who became a judge. Then there was the youngest and probably the most famous member of the family, Herbert H. Lehman.

He was born on March 28, 1878 in New York City, after the family had moved there from the war-ravaged South. He had not lived through the family's loyal service to the South during the Civil War nor the hardships that followed in post-bellum Alabama. He grew up in an affluent atmosphere that included servants and private schools. Despite all this, until he was to make his mark in the family business many years later, his life was noteworthy

only for his poor-to-mediocre school marks.

In due time, his name would conjure up the image of a businessman of considerable acumen and a politician and statesman of national and international note.

After expanding the family business even further, marrying the tall and slender Edith Altschul in 1910 and adopting three children, Peter, John and Hilda (their eldest boy was killed in an air mishap in World War II), Lehman began devoting more and more of his energies to the Democratic Party. His hard work on behalf of others, such as Alfred E. Smith, eventually led Lehman to throw his own hat in the political arena.

First he held the post of lieutenant-governor of New York under the governorship of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. When FDR went to the White House, Lehman went to Albany as governor, a position he held for several terms. Later in life he served his state as a senator in Washington, fighting such battles as McCarthyism. During the war, Lehman served as director of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA).

In addition to all that, he carried on the tradition of the Lehman clan, which belonged to New York's Temple Emanu-El and had long shown concern for their co-religionists. When he was not helping Lillian Wald at her Henry Street Settlement, he was working for the Jewish American Joint Distribution Committee.

The story of Lehman, in historical terms, is another example of a first-generation, American-born Jew who served well the country of his birth, his fellow Jews and, indeed, countless others throughout the world.

Who really speaks for Palestinians?

As a result of all these declarations and statements, the U.S. has added its voice to world opinion that an overall agreement cannot be made without the eventual participation of the PLO.

Israel continues to argue that Jordan can speak for the Palestinians. Yet many Middle East experts point out that Israel undercut its own case by invariably banning political activity in the occupied areas and thus preventing a West Bank-Gaza Strip to emerge and challenge the hegemony of the PLO.

Given the momentum of events, it now appears highly unlikely that Israel will be able to forestall Washington's plan of moderating the PLO and then bringing it into line with Arab states co-operating with the U.S. on ways to reach a compromise settlement.

Washington's current policy on the Palestinians actually stems from a foreign affairs review launched by Richard Nixon's administration after the Yom Kippur War. In the aftermath of that conflict, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger saw the opportunity of building diplomatic and trade bridges to the Arab world so as to undermine the Russians and to secure the flow of oil supplies.

Kissinger argued that "bridge building" could not be completed unless Egypt and Syria — two of the most influential nations

'It is all over,' says community president

Lodz Jewry in death throes

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
(Third of a series)

LODZ, Poland — On the second floor of a drab pre-World War II tenement stained gray with the years, four men — three old and one "young" man in his mid 50s — sit around the dusty office of the Jewish Community Council and converse in Yiddish. One is blind, one is lame, the third is short, fat and greasy in appearance and the fourth looks like he just stepped out of a Fiddler on the Roof rehearsal.

From a soup kitchen down the murky hall comes the sweet, tantalizing smell of cooked cabbage and tomatoes. From a typically filthy Eastern European toilet at the other end, the odor is appalling.

The first man, president of Lodz's Jewish Community Council, is well into his 70s. He wears a conservative, though shabby, black suit and a hat of the same color. Despite his slightly trembling hands, he speaks firmly and with resolution, and the entourage surrounding him does not contradict any of his remarks.

A pensioner and former lumber merchant, he may very well be the last president that this dwindling Jewish community will ever have. And he is aware of that. "It is all over in Poland for the Jews," he says, his comment bereft of sentimentality. "It is a dying community." I look at the others. They nod in agreement.

Lodz's 1939 Jewish population was 233,000, or one-third of the city's entire

population. Jews have been part of the scene for close to 200 years. Eleven lived in this central industrial town by the end of the 19th century, and under Prussian rule the community grew. When the Russians controlled Poland, the Jewish population of Lodz increased rapidly, until the community became the second largest in independent Poland.

The Jews — and the ethnic German Poles — dominated the textile industry for which Lodz was noted. Many Jewish textile workers lived in grinding poverty, but a handful of wealthy Jews, including Yitzhak Poznansky and Tuvia Bialer, owned the factory in which they were employed. (Poznansky's enormous mansion has been turned into a state museum, and the red-bricked factory behind it still seems

to function).

The community met with disaster during World War II.

The Germans marched into Lodz on Sept. 8, 1939, disbanded the community council and set up a Judenrat headed by the megalomaniac Chaim Mordechai Rumkowski. Then they segregated the Jews in the old town and Baluty quarter, sealed off the ghetto and finally liquidated it between June and August of 1944. The inmates who had not succumbed to disease and starvation, were transported to the death camps.

For several reasons, there was no armed uprising or insurrection in the Lodz ghetto. The Germans succeeded in closing it off more than any other ghetto in Poland. The Polish underground in the area was weak. And the Nazis, according to one observer, "were here successful in camouflaging their plans and in sowing confusion among the Jews."

When the Soviet army liberated Lodz in January of 1945, they found 870 Jewish survivors. My parents, David and Golda, were among the few thousand who were shipped to Auschwitz and survived the ordeal. After the war, some 50,000 Polish Jews who had escaped to Russia during the Holocaust streamed back to Lodz, making it the largest reconstructed Jewish community in Poland. With the "Sovietization" of Poland, all but several thousand left for the West.

Today, no more than 400 Jews, many of them quite poor, make their homes here. As the majority no longer work, they rely on their skimpy Polish pensions, American Joint Distribution Committee grants and charitable handouts from tourists. The two Jews who guided my friend and I around Lodz dropped a number of obvious hints about their dire financial condition, and we gave them each the equivalent of about \$40.

The community, I learned, is served by one old synagogue located in the old town and one shtetle on the ground floor of the Jewish Community Council building. Shabbat worship attracts 30 to 40 old Jews; High Holy Days, about 50 or 60, I was told. Young assimilated Jews do not go near the synagogue or shtetle.

A sprawling cemetery serves the community but it is overgrown, and even the imposing, Greek-like mausoleum of Yitzhak Poznansky is half hidden by a high clump of trees and clinging vines. On a visit to the cemetery — part of which was dug up by the government some years ago in an urban renewal scheme — I was informed that the peasant who is paid to maintain it is drunk most of the time and therefore ineffectual.

The schmelztz — or scrap — remained in Lodz," explains the community leader. Until 1968-69, the years of the government-inspired, anti-Zionist campaign, educated and prominent Communist Jews lived in Lodz. After the purges, only the old, the sick



One of the few remaining Jews still living in Lodz stands where ghetto used to be.



Wild flowers, high grass, scraggly bush and trees obscure good part of Jewish cemetery in Lodz. It is maintained by peasant who is drunk most of the time, writer says.

and the intermarried stayed behind.

Says the community leader: "The older Jews were afraid to give up their pensions and the younger ones — those over 45 or 50 — did not have the guts to begin their lives anew. Those who stayed tried to send their children abroad, and some succeeded."

D., a furrier in his mid-50s suffering from diabetes, is one of those who remained. He and his family live in a decrepit apartment building near Zachodnia Street, site of the Jewish Community Council. The spacious flat is fairly well furnished, but D. is not financially secure.

He opted to stay in Poland because he thought the Communist government would create a better society. Either consciously or unconsciously, he identified with the new order by marrying a Catholic. As his two children grew older, he began to have second doubts about living in Poland, for his children were neither Jewish nor Polish in terms of sentiment.

Eleven years ago, he made a half-hearted attempt to emigrate. He spent three months as a worker in the garment districts of Montreal and Toronto. For reasons he does not wish to discuss, he returned to Lodz, likely, in part, because his Catholic wife wished to live in Poland.

When I spoke to him one evening soon after my arrival in Lodz, he had just come back from a trip to Belgium where, he said, he had searched for a Jewish man to marry his daughter. "My big problem is to find her a husband," he said of his demure overweight, 26-year-old daughter who works as a typist. "I can't sleep nights because she'll probably marry a guy here. My son? I don't care who he marries."

D. gazed at me with sad, penetrating eyes and said, "Do you know anyone for my daughter?"

NEXT: Warsaw's Jewish Historical Institute.

Israeli-born etrogim battle foreign products



By J.B. SALSBERG

To tell the truth I did get the feeling that my good uncle Eliezer was peeved with me. I suspected that he was displeased because I involved him less in this column lately than I usually do. But I certainly didn't expect him to be angry with me for that neglect.

It wouldn't be like him, I assured myself, to become angry with me, his favorite nephew, for such a brief lapse of prideful display of interest in what he has to say. But angry he most assuredly was when he arrived at my place yesterday. What's more he made no attempt to conceal his strong emotions.

But the reason for his uncharacteristic mood soon became crystal clear. It wasn't I, thank heaven, who brought on his distress. It was triggered, he assured me, by the behavior of certain Jews who, as he says, makes his blood boil.

However, before proceeding with the main theme of this column I must apologize to my uncle and to some of our loyal readers. It wasn't that I had done anything to offend him but I did neglect to do what I have accustomed uncle Eliezer and many readers to expect from me.

It was all unintentional and I assure the readers who enquired whether uncle Eliezer was well that he is in very good health indeed and will, for all intents and purposes, dominate this space for the next few weeks. So, happy days are here again, as they used to sing.

Now let's turn to the real cause of my uncle's anger. It seems that his profound displeasure was caused by the etrog! Yes, that beautiful, aromatic and truly regal member of the citrus family; that most graceful of all fruit that shares, with its lulav-mate, such prominence throughout the Succot festival (Feast of

Tabernacles) from time immemorial; that etrog is now the cause of uncle Eliezer's discomfort.

But it isn't the beloved etrog and lulav (palm branch), as such, that irritate him. It is the shameful spectacle that certain fanatic, bigoted, anti-Israeli Jewish sects create around the etrog at this time of year that causes uncle Eliezer's temperature to rise.

"Those zealots," my uncle argued heatedly, "those self-appointed interpreters and enforcers of Jewish law and its social and political implications; those who denounce and attack (often physically) not only the state of Israel but such religious parties and movements as Agudat Israel, Mizrahi and Lubavitch; it is they who are now boycotting the Israeli-grown etrogim because they are products of the 'Zionist state!' And they get away with it," my uncle added with feeling.

You guessed it; my uncle, his close friends Mendel and Sam and all the old-timers of the Thursday night shvitz want me to make a fuss about it. Armed with the mandate of his shvitz buddies, uncle Eliezer produced a bundle of clippings from the Jewish press to bolster their case. So here goes my contribution to the good fight.

The role of the etrog and lulav in the Succot celebrations goes back to ancient times. That the finest specimens of both came from the soil of ancient Israel goes without saying. After our forefathers were separated from their homeland they, naturally, made do with the best etrogim they could find in other lands. (It should, however, be noted that throughout the ages efforts were made to establish etrog-growing plantations in Eretz Israel.)

For ages Jews in Europe, and particularly in Eastern Europe where the majority of Jews lived, the most desirable of all etrogim on the market were those that came from Genoa, Italy and from Corfu, Greece, with Moroccan products in the last category.

In time a sort of tradition was established, to the exclusion of all others. The same was true of the Corfu devotees. And you know "tradition"! Traditionalists sometimes forget the genesis of what becomes a tradition. But let that be as it may.



The beloved etrog and lulav.

With the rebirth of the state of Israel, Israeli etrogim of the finest quality were carefully and lovingly developed. Naturally enough Jews around the world gave preference to the Israeli product. Jews did that, but not all Jews. Not the Jewish fanatical opponents of the "Zionist" state. They wouldn't touch an Israeli etrog but insisted on the Genoa and Corfu products.

Uncle Eliezer showed me an article written by Rabbi Aaron Ben-Zion Shurin in a recent issue of the New York daily Forward (Forverts) in which he deals, but only with extreme caution, with this matter. Rabbi Shurin claims that in the U.S. some 5-7,000 etrogim come from "other lands" while about 80,000 come from Israel.

What does it show? It shows that it is a winning battle, but a battle that has yet to be won fully. So don't despair, uncle Eliezer, but stay angry and get others to be angry too...

Letters to the Editor

Back up 'Jewishness' with action

Dear Editor:

With reference to Abraham J. Arnold's comment on the role of women in Jewish life (Sept. 16) I am afraid that his emphasis on the synagogue as the mainstay of Jewish life is rather typical of our "modern" society, but way off base.

What does it really mean to be Jewish? To be born of a Jewish mother, of course, but that is only the technical definition. To be Jewish, feeling Jewish isn't enough — you have to act Jewish. And this is where we must think of our children. How many "feelings" not backed up by actions can we transmit to them?

Much of the generation gap is made up of parents and children "feeling" differently about things. Parents expect their yeshivas,

day schools or afternoon Hebrew schools to teach their children to be Jews. And how many complain that they aren't doing a good job?

But what good does it do a child to learn about Shabbat as a day of rest when he comes home to a Shabbat of going to ball games and cleaning out the garage?

Judaism is a family-oriented religion. But the family must be Jewish together at home. From Shabbat to Passover to Chanuka, there are certainly enough ceremonies to do together at home as a family unit to "be Jewish." But praying, whether at home or in the synagogue, is a time for each person, alone, to speak with G-d.

Helen Ackerman, Brantford

Dear Editor:

In your Sept. 2 edition you carried a review by Prof. Arnold Ages of the book by S. Zalman Abramov, **Perpetual Dilemma: Jewish Religion in the Jewish State**.

I feel I must react to this review even though I have just begun reading the book in question. Not having finished the text myself I am not sure whether the parallel between the so-called "coercion" by the state of Israel and the Inquisition Church in Spain is the contribution of the writer or the reviewer. I rather suspect it is Prof. Ages, although he uses the tactics of disclaiming responsibility of blaming "mischievous minds" for drawing such parallels.

It is completely beyond my understanding how anyone who has even a rudimentary knowledge of history could possibly mention in the same breath the teachings and practices of the Inquisition Church of Spain with the modern state of Israel today.

To the best of my knowledge, not even the threat of physical force has ever been used on anyone in Israel. If there is some parallel between the absence of public transport on Shabbat and the tortures of the Iron Maiden, I would appreciate having this parallel explained to me.

R. Radnitsky, Montreal

Dear Editor:

May I add a paragraph to Charles Lazarus' pen picture of Tadeusz Brzezinski, former Polish diplomat who was consul-general of the Polish government in exile after the Nazi invasion of Poland.

The Canadian Jewish Congress, about 1942-3, learned that the Canadian government, by order-in-council, permitted the governments in exile of Czechoslovakia and

Poland to rescue a number of engineers, architects, doctors and lawyers from these two countries by offering them entry to Canada.

Congress enlisted and quickly obtained the co-operation of the consuls-general of these two countries (Pavlaszek of Czechoslovakia and Brzezinski of Poland), who had offices in Montreal. As a result of their good will, a number of Jewish professional men were able to come to Canada and escape God knows what fate they may have encountered. I, for one, never forgot the courtly, courteous effective action of Tadeusz Brzezinski, and I am sure the rescued were forever grateful.

By a pleasant coincidence his son, a brother of Zbigniew, is my neighbor here in Notre Dame de Grace and also on a quiet road in Ste. Adele-en-haut.

Saul Hayes, Montreal

Dear Editor:

It will be interesting "if possible" to find out what prompted Prime Minister Menachem Begin to divert his valuable time to the issue of giving up the yearly Holocaust memorial evenings by combining them with Tisha b'Av.

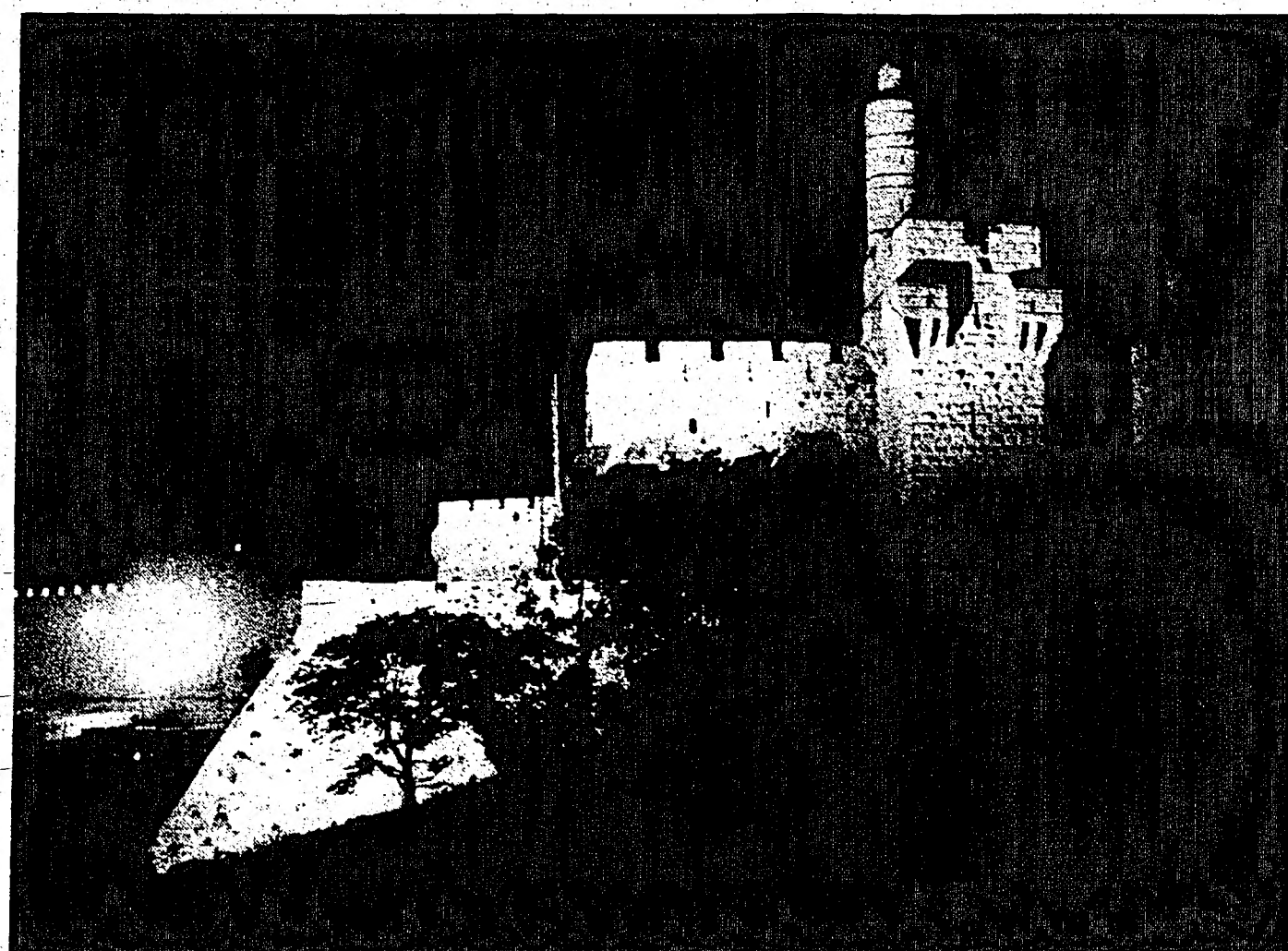
Practically, to combine the two means giving up the annual Holocaust memorial evenings, and substituting them with "one more sentence" in the "special prayer," that is recited in the synagogues on Tisha b'Av, in addition to the regular daily prayers, which do not arouse any special emotions in the senior worshippers and certainly not among the youth, most of whom are absent at the daily prayers.

There are tens of thousands of Jews, both inside and particularly outside of Israel, who are not affiliated with synagogues and the message of "not to forget and not to forgive" will not reach these people through a revised prayer on Tisha b'Av.

To combine the two events is particularly an insult to the thousands of survivors of the Holocaust who have not spared any efforts to organize the very imposing memorial evenings, year after year, since the last war; it no doubt had a very great impact of making "Jewish-conscious" an entire generation of young people who grew up for the last 30 years outside of Israel, and to whom the Holocaust is only history.

While Jews of all persuasions, all over the world, support Israel as a Jewish state, those living outside of Israel do not have to accept as "gospel" every pronouncement of an Israeli government leader, from one of the dozens of political parties, every time one of them happens to be elected to power.

Philip Pressman, Montreal



JERUSALEM BY NIGHT

Floodlighting reveals the stunning beauty of two of Jerusalem's major attractions — the Tomb of Aishalom and the Citadel and David's Tower.

Organizations and People



what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

UPCOMING SERIES

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organization's community awareness program is scheduled for each Thursday this month at 1 p.m. On the 6th, Rupert Shriar, associate director, Toronto Jewish Congress, speaks on **Toronto's New Immigrants** at Holy Blossom Temple. On the 13th, the speaker is Marvella Koffler, chairman, women's division, UJA, and the topic is **We Are One**. That's at B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue. On the 20th, Harvey Steinberg of the Jewish Family and Child Service discusses **Jewish Family - Changing Values**, at Adath Israel Synagogue. And on the 27th, Stephen Speisman, director, Congress Central Region Archives, talks about **Jewish Roots - Part II** at the home of Phyllis Moss, 23 Misty Cres., Don Mills.

Tonight at Holy Blossom Temple's first large Friday evening service of the fall season, Rabbi Gunther Plaut begins a three-part series of his personal reminiscences which take him from his youth in Germany and the rise of Hitler, through his American years and concluding with his Canadian experiences. Another highlight of the evening is the Oneg Shabbat welcoming Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro and his wife Marcia, and Selma Z. Sage, new director of religious education. The rabbi's series continues on Oct. 14 and 21.

There are two series presented by Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly. One, a health education program dealing with nutrition and fitness held Monday mornings from 9:30 to noon from Oct. 17-Dec.5 at the northern 'Y'. Then there's a continuing education series co-sponsored with Humber College covering two themes, **Anthropology and Dynamics of Human Interaction**. It runs for eight Thursday mornings at 9:30 to noon, beginning Oct. 20, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For information, call 789-7841.

YENTL IS BACK

By popular demand, *Yentl* is coming back to the 'Y's Leah Posluns Theatre. The return engagement of the Art Theatre Production of Isaac Bashevis Singer's story opens this Saturday, Oct. 8, for a two week run. For tickets, phone box office at 630-6752.

RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY

On Wednesday, the 12th, the Jewish community of Richmond Hill is featuring Rabbi Solomon Domb of Beth Torah Synagogue in a discussion of **Marriage - Myth or Fact as Seen Through Judaism**. That's at 8:30 p.m. at Richvale Community Centre, 160 Avenue Rd., Richmond Hill.

TAKE TWENTY REUNION

Take Twenty is what Northview Heights Secondary School is calling its 20th anniversary reunion set for Saturday, Oct. 15. If you are one of the 10,000 students who have passed through its doors - there's an open house from 1-5

and then the evening activities start at 8. For information, call 630-2703.

SUNDAY EVENTS

The Sunday, Oct. 9, lineup includes the Hebrew Weston Charitable Services annual tea from 1-5 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Morton Shulman, 66 Russell Hill Rd. Proceeds go to kosher meals-on-wheels, tubercular and chronically ill at Weston Hospital and an Israel institution, plus other various communal charities.

And the art, craft and bake sale, organized by Leora Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, is from 1-6 at Edwards Gardens Civic Centre.

Medical and Paramedical Volunteer Service in Israel is the topic to be discussed at the meeting of the Israel Medical Association of Canada at 8:30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre. Guest speaker is Dr. Emanuel Glazier, national secretary of American Physicians Fellowship, who is in charge of organizing emergency medical teams in North America.

The Ozrower Mutual Benefit Society's Man of the Year Award breakfast is called for 11 a.m. at the Borochov Centre. This year's recipient is treasurer Jerry Smith.

FOR SINGLES

Labor Zionist Alliance Young Professionals have planned dances for both Saturday and Sunday, the 8th and 9th, at 19 Hillmount Ave. They are called for 7:45 p.m., but if you get there before 8:30, admission is free.

The Liberated Singles (18-36) are having their first disco dance Sunday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. at Alexander's restaurant in Lawrence Plaza at Bathurst and Lawrence.

The Jewish Connection (up to age 39) is having a dance Monday, Oct. 10, at Canary Cottage Disco, Hotel Triumph. It begins at 8.

SCIENCE FAIR

Budding scientists can drop into the Metropolitan Toronto Science Fair display and information booth set up at Sheppard Centre (Yonge and Sheppard) Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 6-8. Students who have won prizes for projects will be on hand to discuss their exhibits.

LEO BAECK RETREAT

Early last month, three bus-loads of Leo Baeck students, Grades 3-6, along with teachers and volunteer parents, spent five days at Camp Walden in Palmer Rapids, Ontario. The major focus of the retreat was preparing for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. According to teacher Helene Rudolph, the setting "allowed the children to discuss and feel many of the basic concepts of the holidays" and "the natural surroundings of the camp were integrated into the week's curriculum." Rabbi Stephen Garten led the Shabbat services and every child had a chance to blow the shofar.

second look at his long-running comedy hit, *The Primary English Class*, which is playing to audiences at the Bayview Playhouse. In fact, he has been heard to say that he considers this Open Circle Company production the finest of all the productions of his play, bar none - and that even includes New York. Apparently the company has mounted another production to go on a cross-country tour.

Baycrest Terrace resident Eve Turley, whose work has appeared in art group shows about town, is opening her first one-woman show next Sunday, the 16th. About 25 of her batiks on silk and cotton, and seven of her bronze sculptures will be on display in the Common Room at the Wagman Centre until the end of the month. The bronzes are based on Terrace residents. One of the pieces, a figure of two seated women, is the design used to decorate the multi-purpose, blank cards sold in the Baycrest gift shops.

Two new staffers have been added to the Board of Jewish Education - Harvey Raben, an MA graduate in contemporary Jewish studies from Brandeis University, who is co-ordinator of special services working with the congregational schools, primarily the Reform schools, and with the Leo Baeck Day School as educational consultant... Aharon Eldar, ex-director of the educational section of Beersheba Municipality, is the new consultant to the day schools. He is here under the auspices of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

To date, President Jimmy Carter has named eight Jews to ambassadorial posts - Chicago publisher Louis Lerner goes to Norway; Marvin Warner of Cincinnati to Switzerland; Milton Wolf of Cleveland to Austria; Philip Kalser to Hungary; Richard Gardner to Italy (his wife is descended from an 11th century Italian-Jewish family); William Schwartz of Atlanta, to the Bahamas, and career diplomatic officers Marvin Weissman and Herman Cobon to Costa Rica, and Senegal and Gambia, respectively.

70th anniversary observed by Toronto Zionist Council

TORONTO - The celebration on Oct. 12 of the 70th anniversary of the Toronto Zionist Council marks an important occasion in the history of the Zionist movement here.

Over the past 70 years, much of the leadership of the Jewish community has been deeply involved in the activities of the Toronto Zionist Council. It was the focal point of a growing dedication to the ideal of a re-established Jewish homeland in Palestine.

It was the centre of a vigorous and productive cultural life within the community. Through Young Judea, it attracted over the years the finest spirits among Jewish youth.

Camp Shalom, which received the support of the Toronto Zionist Council, was not only a recreational experience, but an educational one as well. The camp has attracted many of those who have become leaders of the Toronto Jewish community.

The beginnings of the Toronto Zionist Council go back to 1897, when the first Zionist congress issued a call to the Jews of the world to join in the task of leading the Jewish people back to their homeland in Palestine. Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism, insisted in his *Judenstaat* that Jews apply themselves immediately to the work of Zionism, and the Jewish community of Toronto, small

in numbers, but great in its Jewish loyalties, responded to Herzl's call.

They organized themselves into a Zionist group and it was not long before the Toronto Jewish community counted no less than five Zionist societies: B'nai Zion, Daughters of Zion, B'nos Zion Kadimah, Zion Literary Club and the Young Men Zion Club of Toronto.

It was only natural that the dedication of this growing corps of Zionists should seek an overall organization which would provide a common forum and so in 1907 the Toronto Zionist Council was created.

The Toronto Zionist Council has, over the years, encountered problems, frustrations and difficulties. But it dedicated itself with devotion to its hopes, dreams, aspirations and ambitions. And this dedication has been the measure of its achievements.

For as the Toronto Jewish community grew from 15,000 in 1907 to the flourishing community of 115,000 which it is today, as the paltry thousands of dollars collected in 1907 for Palestine grew to the millions now being raised for Israel, so the handful of Zionists who banded together in 1907 to pursue a common goal, the re-establishment of a Jewish homeland, developed into a broadly based movement attracting the loyalty

of scores of thousands.

The early Zionists agreed that one of the critical needs of the movement was the creation of a home which Zionism could call its own, where all of the varied activities - organizational, cultural, and fund-raising - could be carried on. And so a modest home was acquired at 249 Simcoe St. The expanding activity of the council, however, soon outgrew these modest quarters and it moved to a larger and more commodious structure at Beverley and Cecil Streets.

In the '40s, the Zionist Centre was moved to 651 Spadina Ave. and, until 1963, 651 Spadina was recognized as the home of Zionism in Toronto.

The newest home on Marlee Avenue was built in 1963.

Executive members of the Toronto Zionist Council have played an important role in the history of the Jewish community. Edward Gelber was a leader in the Jewish community for some three decades and held the presidency of the Zionist Organization of Canada for many years. John Devor, a president of the Toronto Zionist Council, was active in every area of Jewish life, and like Gelber, made aliyah to Israel.

John J. Glass was a prominent member of the Ontario legislature, Judge Samuel Factor, Henry S. Rosenberg, Fred M. Catz-

man, David Peters, Jack D. Pearlstein, and many other presidents of the Toronto Zionist Council were leaders in their professions and distinguished personalities in Jewish life, provincially and nationally.

The current president, Helen Smolack, the first woman to hold the office, is a community leader as well as a poet.

The observance of the anniversary on Oct. 12 will honor all of those Zionist Council presidents, whose dedication contributed to the role the Toronto Zionist Council has played in the city's Jewish life.

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Jacob Katzman

Jacob Katzman, chairman and secretary, American section of the World Jewish Congress, is coming in from New York to be guest speaker at the 60th festival jubilee of the B. Borochov Branch 124, Farband Labor Zionist Alliance. The gala dinner-dance takes place next Sunday, Oct. 16, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Late, late TV watchers may have caught Israel Horowitz on Peter Gow's 90 Minutes Live last week. The noted New York author was in town for a

Policy on human rights is attacked

By RONATKEY

The contrast between Canadian and U.S. foreign policy respecting human rights is striking. Just last July, Prime Minister Trudeau, in a joint communique with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, warned that the cause of human rights had been pushed too hard and too fast.

At a press conference later in the month, Trudeau attempted to defend an obvious Canadian decision to go slow on promoting human rights in foreign countries.

Notwithstanding this cautious approach in Canada, U.S. President Jimmy Carter continues to vigorously promote human rights abroad as an integral part of American foreign policy.

Now hard evidence is in from the U.S. that the Soviet authorities have continued their repression against citizens who express disagreement with official policy and practices.

This continued violation of human rights in the Soviet Union will be of profound concern to all 35 signatories of the Helsinki Agreement as they meet in Belgrade this week to review the implementation of the principles, declarations and commitments in that historic document.

One can and should expect a strong private and public protest from United States representatives. Recently, the U.S. Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe, an independent advisory agency with representatives from Congress, the Senate and the Departments of State, Defence and Commerce, reported its findings of the previous two years to the Congress

of the United States.

What is most revealing is the clear finding by the commission that it has become official Soviet policy to block the renaissance of the Soviet Jewish community in their enjoyment of linguistic, religious and cultural freedom.

The report states: "In their actions against those who seek to teach or study Hebrew or Yiddish, to learn the tenets and traditions of the Jewish faith and to practice that religion, the [Soviet] authorities deny the 'legitimate interests' Principle VII should protect."

In a separate section of the report dealing with Soviet Jewry, special reference is made to the in-

termittent harassment caused to unofficial Hebrew study groups set up by Jewish activists in the Soviet Union waiting for permission to emigrate to Israel.

One such activist, Isosif Begun, who gave Hebrew lessons privately and earned an income at it, was nonetheless exiled to Siberia in June, 1977 for parasitism.

The report also notes that it is not only would-be emigrants from the Soviet Union who seek to retain a tie to Judaism. For example, a Soviet Jewish physicist, who taught himself Hebrew before emigrating, told the commission at its hearings in Israel:

"There are many persons who want to stay in Russia ... and observe and be able to study the Jewish religion and culture ... They suffer both from the lack of possibilities to perform their religious duties because of the persecution they are under for being religious ... many people who are really Jews ... are trying to keep it a secret because of their jobs ... For the average man it is severe enough just to know that if he is religious, he may remain without any bread for his family."

The report does not confine its criticism to the Soviet Union. There are extensive findings concerning human rights in Eastern Europe, including Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland and Romania.

But it is made clear that the Soviet Union far outstrips its neighbors and co-signatories to the Helsinki Agreement in terms of the consistency and scale of its breach of the Helsinki human rights standards.

If the commission's report is adopted by Congress and President Carter, as appears to be the case, the U.S. position at the Belgrade conference this fall will be unequivocal.

President Carter's representatives will make it clear that those signatory countries who offend human rights are responsible for jeopardizing de-

tente. They will recommend that in the course of discussions on security in Europe, participating states should give high priority to a serious and open exchange of views on

this sensitive topic.

Where does Canada, also a signatory to the Helsinki Agreement, stand in all this?

Mr. Atkey is a former MP for St. Paul's, Toronto.



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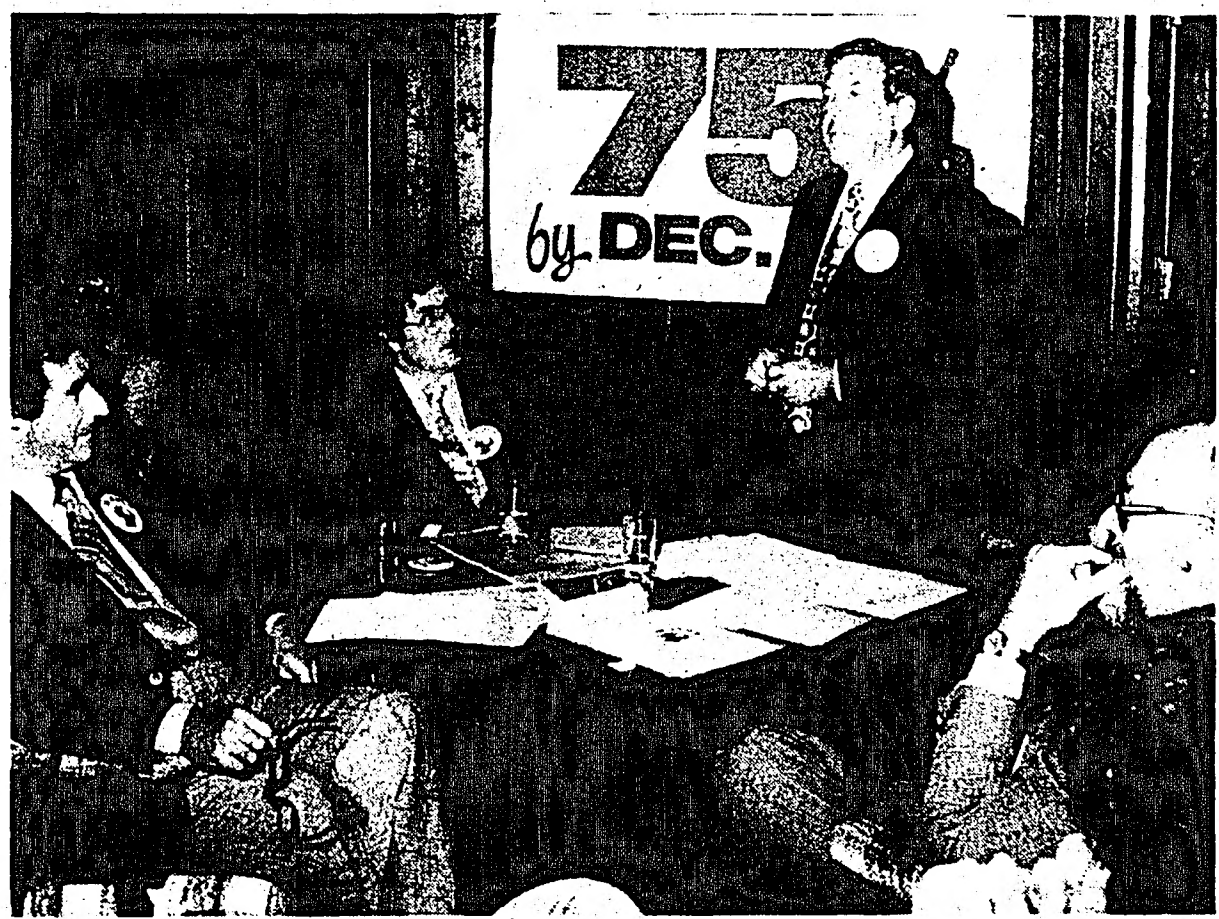
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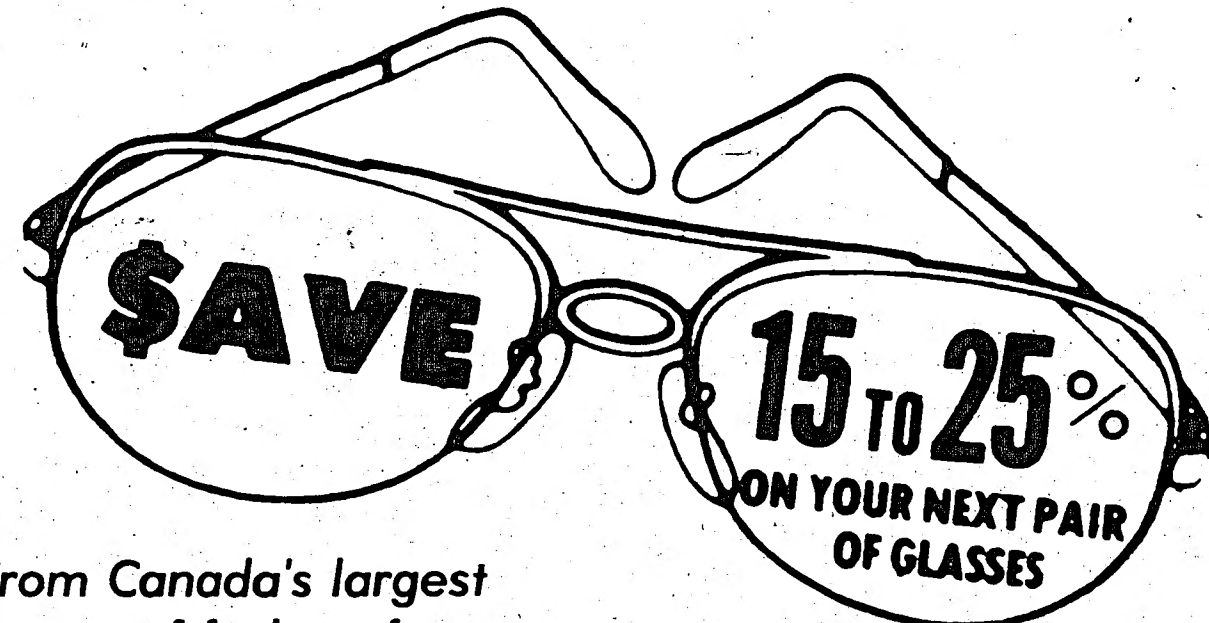
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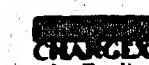
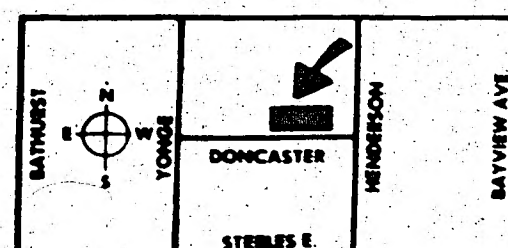
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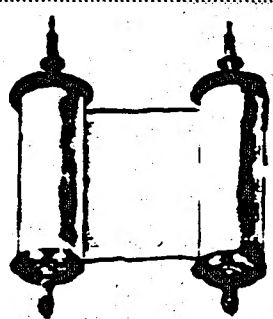
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Parshat Breishit/Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan (Wednesday, Thursday)
Vayomer Elokeem yehi ohr.... And G-d said let there be light....

When you hold yourself low G-d lifts you high. When the Gerer Rebbe ztl visited Eretz Yisrael for the first time, the chief rabbi, Avraham Yitzhak Kook, greeted him with great honor. He made a great feast in the rebbe's honor and invited all the city notables.

The Gerer turned to Rabbi Kook. "By us chassidim, the tzadik distributes shirayim (left-overs) to the people."

"And by us misnagdim it's customary for the tzadik to consider himself shirayim," Rabbi Kook answered.

How much can a person eat in this world, or drink? What's the limit of how much we want to grab?

Consider...when the Almighty finished building His world, He looked everything over and announced, "henal tov me'od....behold, it's very good!"

But our rabbis commented, "good" is the Angel of Life...."very good" is the Angel of Death, the **Malech Hamaves**. (Yalkut) But between you and me, what kind of double talk is this? The Angel of Death is "very good"? Since when?

Ah, but it teaches....when a person doesn't grab for too much, he wants things "good" but modest....Make a living, raise G-d-fearing children, live a peaceful, decent life — then it's the Angel of Life. Everything good comes his way.

But **nebach**, if a Jew has a worm in his head that he wants everything "very good," not a house, but a "big house," not a living but a "big living," not stay married to one loyal woman but run after women, women, women and luxuries — then it's the **Malech Hamaves**, the Angel of Death....

You never stop running, and you can lose this world and the next....(Duber Maggid)

You can only be happy when you have a Living G-d, not a lip service one.

Breishit is the first word of the Torah. What's the **yichus** that the Ribono Shel Olam chose just that word to start the Torah?

But in Hebrew the word **Breishit** is made up of six letters that stand for the attributes a Jew needs to serve G-d:

Bais — **Betachon** — confidence that G-d is ready to help you;

RAISH — **Ratzon** — desire to serve Him, no strings attached;

ALEF — **Ahavah** — love of G-d and man, whether things go good or bad;

SHIN — **Shitah** — silence....a fish who keeps his mouth shut doesn't get hooked;

YUD — **Yir'ah** — fear of Heaven....don't try to fool G-d;

TUF — **Torah** — because without Torah, we have nothing....(Vilna Gaon)

G-d was the first shadchan, Adam and Eve the first shidduch.

Moses Mendelsohn was a hunchback, but he married a beautiful, wealthy girl. How did he win her?

Once they were sitting together, and Mendelsohn turned to the girl. "You know, 40 days before a child is conceived, a Heavenly voice declares, 'the daughter of so and so will marry so and so.' When I heard that you would be my mate, I asked the angel, 'tell me, will she be beautiful?'"

"But the angel told me you would be a hunchback. So I said, 'better I should carry the hunchback on my shoulders, and let her be beautiful.... So here I am — and there you are....'"

When the girl heard his clever story, she was so impressed that she fell in love with him.

Brains and beauty. Shabbat Shalom and a Guttan Chodesh.



Baycrest Centre capital campaign volunteers raised about \$25,000 in pledges in recent telethon. Some of canvassers include (from left): Harry Pearl, Irving Rife, Buddy Nightingale (on phone); Harry Arbus, Anne Gottlieb and Janice Kaiman of Associated; Cindy LoGrasso, Sonee Cohen (on phone); Sam Rife (partially hidden); Bill Stern, George Hammel (seated); Lou Rubin, Ben Goldmintz and Selma Taylor.

Jewish Book Fair to introduce basic list of reading material

TORONTO —

The Jewish Book Fair, taking place this year at the Koffler Centre for the Arts and the Leah Posluns Theatre of the YM-YWHA, Nov. 26 to Dec. 4 is seeking to put together a list of 18 "basic" Jewish books.

According to Lillian Wax, chairman of the fair,

the directors have proposed that, as a service to thousands of visitors, a list of 18 basic Jewish books should be compiled. But, added Mrs. Wax, "the concept of defining which 18 books to include is highly controversial and could even split families."

Meyer Feldman, chairman of the Jewish Public

Library, and a director of the Jewish Book Fair agrees. He said that at a time of vast ideological differences within the Jewish community, it would be difficult to achieve agreement on 18 basic books.

For example, he observed, the Orthodox Jew would have different priorities from the secular Jew. But, he supported the resolution to poll the Jewish community in the hope that there would be some consensus.

The chairman of the Jewish Cultural Council, Ralph Shiff, is more optimistic about finding at least 18 Jewish books which are commonly accepted as basic. His thesis is that, though there are

sharp differences in beliefs and practices, Jews have more in common than is generally recognized.

Mrs. Wax said that the Jewish Book Fair will shortly forward a letter to a representative sampling of the Jewish community requesting proposals for the 18 basic books.

The general public is invited to make recommendations by writing to the Jewish Book Fair, c/o the YM-YWHA, 4588 Bathurst St., Willowdale, M2R 1W6.

The event is sponsored by four organizations: the Federation of Jewish Women's Organization, the Jewish Public Library, the Jewish Cultural Council of the Toronto Jewish Congress and the "Y".

Shul Bond pledges indicate increase

TORONTO —

With only 51% of the synagogues tabulated to date, Toronto Jewry is contributing in ever greater numbers to the Israel Bond program, says Alex Eisen, synagogue division chairman for the 1977 Bond campaign here.

"In terms of dollars, there is an increase of \$282,750 thus far over last year, and it is estimated that the total increase in number of pledges this year will reach nearly 600," he says.

One of the most encouraging statistics emerging from the early tabulations of results, according to Kurt Rothschild, general campaign chairman, is the 500 new purchasers who made Bond commitments this year for the first time.

"We expect this number will be further increased when all the results have come in, indicating a widening of support for Israel's economic strengthening through Israel Bonds, and a deeper awareness of how crucial the economy of Israel is at this time in the struggle for peace in the Middle East."

Among the congregations showing the greatest

increases at the Yom Kippur appeals were Beth Tikvah, Holy Blossom Temple, Shaarei Shomayim, and Shomrei Shabbat.

"There were unexpected disheartening decreases in the results brought in by some congregations, but these may be offset by events to be held later on in the campaign under the sponsorship of congregations or organizations where Bond purchases will be made," Alex Eisen commented.

Rothschild paid tribute to the leadership and hard work of the synagogue division in organizing the High Holy Days appeals in the 45 Toronto congregations which participated this year.

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On Monday, Oct. 10 at 7:15, registration begins for Beth Tzedec's extensive series of adult education courses in Bible, Jewish history, Hebrew language and literature, Yiddish and archeology.

On Monday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m. the "Fundamentals of Judaism" section offers five courses for those who are beginning their study of Jewish religion and culture or who wish to brush up on skills that have faded.

These include two courses in Hebrew language taught by Cantor Joseph Cooper (elementary and intermediate) designed to help people read and understand the Hebrew prayer book. One is "To be a Jew," a text course with Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg which concentrates on the fundamentals of Judaism (9-10 p.m.). The second is "Understanding the Seder," with Aaron Nussbaum (8-9 p.m.). Rabbi Robert Binder will also participate in this year's "Fundamentals" stream with his course on "A Jew and his Bible" (9-10 p.m.).

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the "Beth Midrash" will feature seven courses dealing with various aspects of Jewish scholarship and learning.

The Tuesday evening roster includes: Prof. Arnold Ages's "When We Became Free — Jewish Emancipation"; Prof. Arthur Lesley's "Modern Hebrew Literature"; Abraham Shkop's "Reflections on Hebrew Scripture," and Rabbi Irwin Witty, "Folk Themes in Hebrew Poetry."

On Wednesday evenings, Friedberg will give his series, "Jerusalem — Its History and Meaning"; Prof. Frank Talmage will lecture on "Jewish Mysticism," and Prof. Louis Greenspan will teach "Modern Jewish Thought." "Yiddish for Beginners" is offered this year for the first time on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m.

Registration for all courses in the Beth Midrash will be held the first two weeks of the courses starting at 7:15 p.m. Lectures begin at 8 p.m.

For those interested in modern Hebrew, classes in elementary and intermediate levels will be offered on Monday and Thursday evenings, at 8 p.m. Information about fees can be obtained by calling the synagogue office at 781-2319.

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The Board of Education for the Borough of North York THE BUDGET 1978 Public Meetings

The public is invited to attend the meetings of the Board's Sub-Committee on Budget. These are working meetings of the Sub-Committee to develop the Board's preliminary budget for 1978.

Public submissions will be accepted at meetings to be scheduled later for that purpose.

The working meetings will be held at four o'clock in the afternoon in the Board Room at the Education Administration Centre, 5050 Yonge Street, Willowdale on the following dates:

OCTOBER 5, 12, 19, 24 and 31
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One of the most astute interpreters of the Middle East situation will be lecturing at Beth Tzedec on the weekend of Oct. 22-23. Prof. Uri Raanan of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Massachusetts will be delivering lectures on the theme "Israel: The Fourth Decade."

Raanan has published scores of articles and monographs in Soviet studies.

Schedule for Raanan's Beth Tzedec series is:

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B'nai B'rith Women plan Awareness Day

TORONTO [Staff] — B'nai B'rith Women have organized Community Awareness Day for Oct. 16 at the Leah Posluns Theatre to allow people to become more familiar with the work of the service organization.

BB Women is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, and in Canada it's been in operation for more than 50 years. Two years ago, BB Women of Eastern Canada broke away from District 22 to set up its own group. This group, along with BB Women's Council of Toronto, is sponsoring the special day at the "Y" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BB Women of Eastern Canada consists of 65 chapters and about 5,000 members. It is involved in many projects, both here and in Israel.

On display during Community Awareness Day will be dolls for Democracy, a collection of likenesses of great humanitarians, including Pauline Johnson and John Diefenbaker. BB Women give talks to school classes and other groups about these individuals as part of a program in conjunction with the League for Human Rights.

Festival Tables, another unique program of the organization, will be displayed at 11:15 a.m. It is an exhibition of food and

artifacts associated with Sabbath and Jewish holidays. Women take these displays with them when they speak to organizations around the city.

There will also be demonstrations of patterning, a program for brain-damaged children, the visual screening program and a musical cavalcade telling the story of the organization.

Ontario Consumer Affairs Minister Larry Grossman will be keynote speaker at the official opening ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. North York Mayor Mel Lastman will bring greetings from his municipality.

There will be a special children's area set aside during the afternoon. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge.

In addition, there will be a blood donor clinic during the day along with displays by the Toronto chapters and many other exhibits, including its Jerusalem group house for emotionally-disturbed children.

Two of the newer Toronto BB chapters will have displays — the French-speaking Solel Chapter and the Haverim Chapter for young women, ages 19 to 25.

Over the years, BB Women has enlarged its purpose and scope, shift-

ing to the more serious job of perpetuating the culture and traditions of Judaism, supporting Israel, and providing needed community service programs.

In Canada, women are volunteers in hospitals, blood donor clinics, homes for the aged, veterans' hospitals, fund-raising appeals, mental retardation centres and so on. They

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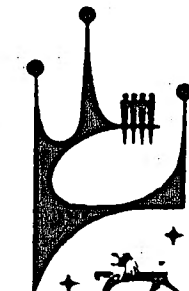
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The United Jewish Appeal has accomplished a great deal in a very short period of time. There is however an enormous task still ahead of us. The words that follow are from Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and this year's UJA Chairman, Albert Tubby Cole. We ask that you spend a moment with them to reflect upon our past and rise with them to meet the challenge of our future. It is the least we can do for a beautiful, strong, determined, benevolent, loving, loyal and fair to a fault lady of thirty.

Mr. Begin.

As Israel enters its 30th year of freedom, the UJA celebrates three decades of unique partnership. Year in, year out, without let-up, without coercion, in a magnificent voluntary spirit of Jewish responsibility and conviction, you have contributed from the heart to the greatest human enterprise of our times — the redemption of our people in the Land of our Fathers.

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Together, we can take pride in these accomplishments. Together, we must mobilize our best efforts to tackle the momentous human challenges ahead for the sake of Eretz Yisrael, today and in the future.

For as the State of Israel approaches her 30th anniversary now is the time for the recommitment of the Jewish people — a commitment to build housing for the needy, to eliminate the social gap, to strengthen our Jewish traditions and values, and to stand as one in our commitment to the eternity of Eretz Yisrael.

To this goal, we join together once again. We do so in unity, we the generation who suffered the torment of destruction and who are now engaged in our people's historic redemption.

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Mr. Cole.

On my recent visit to Israel with the Prime Minister's Mission, I was deeply impressed — as I always am when I go to Israel — with the amazing achievements of the Israelis in building a country in only 30 years. This, despite the hardships and physical danger experienced right from the first day of statehood. I doubt if any nation in history has endured the way Israel has.

And yet Israel lives and will continue to live because her people are determined that never again will the Jewish people be homeless. Never again will there be a "voyage of the damned" for Jews. Never again will Jews lack a haven of refuge in an uncaring and hostile world.

As Jews, we walk with heads higher, with greater pride because Israel is there. Our partnership with Israel has given us a new sense of purpose, a whole new way of life.

The new generation, now taking over in Israel, is eager and ready to carry on the task of building the Jewish homeland. They are confident, supremely patriotic and ready to die for their country, if need be.

All that is asked of us, as Canadian Jews, is that we provide the dollars to improve the quality of life of the Israelis. Because most of her tax money goes for defence, Israel has little left for social services, health, housing and education. Providing these services is the responsibility of the Diaspora — our responsibility, our privilege.

An army of volunteers, men and women, is now ready to approach the community for the 1978 United Jewish Appeal campaign — the campaign which for 30 years has raised funds both for Israeli and for local needs. If you are desirous of maintaining a strong Jewish community in Toronto and if you share the goal of world Jewry in helping the people of Israel build a solid, safe future, you will welcome the UJA canvasser into your home or office and pledge your support like you have never pledged before.

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around the town

By JANICE ARNOLD

VISIT FROM TECHNION PRESIDENT

Amos Horev, president of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, will be in Montreal, Oct. 12 to meet with members of the Montreal chapter of the Canadian Technion Society. Horev, who was born in Jerusalem, and educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will also meet with community leaders.

VANDALISM

Adath Israel Congregation in Outremont was the object of yet another act of vandalism a couple of weeks ago when a 10-foot sign proclaiming solidarity with Soviet Jewry was knocked down. Although many such signs were distributed among the synagogues by the Montreal Committee for Soviet Jewry, only Adath Israel put one up. In recent years Adath Israel, situated in an increasingly non-Jewish area, has had many windows broken and its walls defaced. Its campaign to build a new synagogue in Hampstead is still in "abeyance," says Rabbi Michael Kramer.

DOLLARD MEETING

Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, in association with the West Island Jewish Community, is holding a town hall meeting Oct. 27 in the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, in Dollard des Ormeaux, at 8:15 p.m. To be conducted by Rabbi Michael Kramer, chairman of the Community Services Committee, the program will consist of: an overview of Congress, by Dr. Melvyn Schwartz, Eastern chairman; an overview of AJCS, by incoming president Hillel Becker; a report on Jewish education, by Michael Herschorn, president of the Jewish Education Council, and the political overtones of Bill 101, by Frank Schlesinger, chairman of the Community Relations Committee of Congress, Eastern Region. An open forum will follow.

ESKIMO SCULPTURE GIFT

A collection of Eskimo sculptures will soon be donated to the Israel Museum of Jerusalem and the Tel Aviv Museum to strengthen ties between Canadians and Israelis. Canadian Hadassah-WIZO President Clara Balinsky announced at a ceremony launching the observance of the group's 60th anniversary. Also at the city hall ceremony, Mayor Jean Drapeau was presented with the painting, "Covenant," from the Haggada by Israeli artist Yaacov Bousidant. The painting will hang permanently in the lobby of city hall.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Chaim Spilberg will speak on "Der Nister" at a seminar in Yiddish at the Jewish Public Library, Oct. 12. The seminar, which will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the destruction of Soviet-Jewish writers, begins at 8 p.m.

QUEBEC FORUM SERIES

The Sunday Morning Breakfast Forum, sponsored by the men's club of Shaare Zion Congregation, will start this season, Oct. 16 with a three-part series focusing on the historical background of the French, English and Jews in Quebec. Lectures will be delivered by specialists in the field.

MACKASEY TO SPEAK

Bryce Mackasey, the Liberal MNA for the riding of Notre-Dame-de-Grace, will speak at a joint meeting of the Mt. Scopus, Maple Leaf and University Lodges of B'nai B'rith at the Shomrim Laboker Synagogue, Oct. 26, 8:30 p.m.

A JEW IN QUEBEC

A Jew in Quebec Today, the four-part series being presented by the sisterhood of the Shaar Hashomayim Congregation, will feature the following speakers: Rosa Finestone, principal of Solomon Schechter Academy, on "The Effect of the New Legislation on Jewish Education"; Murray Spiegel, on "Legal Implications in Quebec Today"; Bernard J. Finestone, honorary chairman of the Montreal Board of Trade, on "The Effect of the New Laws on Business and Commerce"; and Alan Rose, executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, on "How the New Legislation Affects the Jewish Community". The series will be held on four consecutive Monday mornings, at 9:30 from Oct. 31 to Nov. 21.

ONE-PARENT TEENS

The Snowdon YM-YWHA, under its Teen Perspectives Program, is offering a course every Wednesday night this fall for teens aged 12 to 17 of divorced or separated parents. Registration closes Oct. 10. Other courses for teens this season are a babysitting course, a charm course called "Power & Poise", a program for group work helpers, a teen career workshop, and leadership training.

HERE IS ISRAEL

A troupe of professional Israeli entertainers will be coming to Montreal, Oct. 12, to present an evening of live music, pantomime, tapes and films depicting life in Israel today. Israeli crafts will also be displayed. "Here is Israel," sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, Eastern Region, will appear at the Monklunds High School Auditorium, 4400 Westhill at 8 p.m.

EGYPTIANS PROTEST

About 500 Egyptian Coptic Christians demonstrated outside the Egyptian consulate, Sept. 18, against President Anwar Sadat's latest crackdown on minorities. The Coptic Christians, who lived in Egypt before the Moslem conquest, represent more than 10% of the present-day population. There are about 10,000 Coptic Egyptians in Montreal.

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Dr. Max J. Palayew

Dr. Max J. Palayew, secretary of the Jewish General Hospital executive committee, has been appointed chairman of the department of diagnostic radiology in the faculty of medicine of McGill University. Since 1971, Dr. Palayew has been radiologist-in-chief at JGH. This marks the first time a doctor from JGH has been appointed to the chairmanship of a McGill department.

The prestigious Samuel Bronfman Medals this year went to William "Billy" Gittes and the late Joe Caplan, the first time the award has been given posthumously. CJA Honorary Chairman Gordon Brown made the presentation at the AJCS annual meeting Sept. 25. Gittes chaired the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies campaign in 1944 and has been active in many phases of Jewish life for years. Caplan, who died this year, devoted much of his time to the 'Y'.

The Pioneer Women-Na'amat's Child Care project will culminate with a luncheon at the Shomrim Laboker Synagogue addressed by National Executive Director Sarah Hazan. The luncheon will



Danny Siegel

take place Oct. 12 at 1 p.m.

Ghita Sternberg of Montreal is trying to contact Canadian Jews of Romanian origin for the documentation centre of the University of Tel Aviv. The university is interested in preserving the historical, social, cultural and religious aspects of Romanian Jewry. Mrs. Sternberg's number is 271-2255.

Le Devoir editor/publisher Claude Ryan will review Peter Desbarat's book "Rene" at the Shaare Zion Oct. 18 at 9:15 a.m. This is the first in the sisterhood's breakfast book review series.

Chairman Ruth Benditsky accepted the Jewish Community Services Award presented by AJCS past president, Edward Barkoff, for the Jewish Civics Program, of the Women's Federation.

Danny Siegel, author of Soulstone, will read from his poetry at the Harvey Golden Institute of Jewish Studies Oneg Shabbat at 8 p.m. at the Saidye Bronfman Centre. His lecture is entitled "Midrash-Making in Poetry and Prose."



William Gittes (centre) receives Samuel Bronfman Award from Allan Bronfman (left) and Gordon Brown.



Esther Caplan accepts Samuel Bronfman Medal from Gordon Brown, honorary chairman of Combined Jewish Appeal, in memory of late husband, Joe Caplan. At left, Moe Levitt, past president of CJA, and on far right, Henry S. Weiser, past president of YM-YWHA. Occasion was annual AJCS meeting here.

El Al diplomacy is a fine art

in my view

By CHARLES LAZARUS

Some years ago, Israel Shenger (I think it was) of The New York Times wrote what is now considered a classic article about an El Al flight between New York and Tel Aviv.

What was remarkable about the article was that there was nothing particularly remarkable about this El Al flight; it was, in fact, like hundreds of other El Al flights carrying North American Jews to Israel aboard "their" airline.

Needless to say, Shenger's piece triggered waves of smiles plus the odd ripple of smugness, with a simple rationale:

If Jews already have their own country, then they're entitled to their own airline; and if they have their own airline, then it had better be one that's indigenously Jewish in terms of tradition, amcha and all the other prerequisites of identifiable Jewishness.

My reason for recalling Shenger's enchanting New York Times piece is that early in November there is to be another El Al

in Israel.

The way I see it, this particular Chag Samach, as the Hadassah-WIZO diamond jubilee convention flight has already been informally dubbed, will present its own special challenges having nothing to do with safety, security or on-time departure.

The first challenge is one of yichas, or status, if you're translating roughly:

Who gets invited into El Al's King David lounge at Mirabel, before the flight leaves? And since there are only so many seats in the small room, the sites and the standees will be in good-natured competition.

Next challenge is the seating assignments in the 747; but here the problem should be simpler because of the caucuses that are vital to any convention should be well underway even before the flight is over Newfoundland.

Finally there is the question of where the husbands will sit, and if I remember other El Al

flights, they'd better be as

close to the aisle as possible for two simple reasons:

First is to be available to the Lubavitch chassid, of whom there is always at least one aboard, carrying on his courageous tefillin campaign with every male on the aisle; second is that considering the almost non-stop davening that goes on as the flight heads ever eastward toward Zion, there is hardly a male who can resist the invitation to join a minyan.

Permitting myself a serious note, let me say that this upcoming Hadassah-WIZO convention in Israel is expected to enhance the Canadian presence there as never before.

Clara Balinsky, the national president, at a special ceremony in Mayor Jean Drapeau's office in connection with the diamond jubilee, pointed out that Canada and Israel are closely linked, particularly in terms of the support given this country's multicultural expression.

History becomes meaningful in tracing of genealogies

By MEL SOLMAN

Mishpachology, in case you hadn't heard, is the new word being used to describe the study of Jewish roots. Here in Montreal, one particularly enthusiastic advocate of this field of interest is Norma Joseph, a trained anthropologist and wife of Rabbi Howard Joseph of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

"I find myself talking about mishpachology wherever I go. The reason is obvious. People should be tracing their genealogies so as to know who they are and where they come from. If children can relate to a personality in history, it becomes their history and therefore much more meaningful to them."

In 1975, as chairman of the oral history committee of the women's division of Allied Jewish Community Services, Mrs. Joseph began training a core of volunteers who would tape the personal reminiscences of the more senior members of the Jewish community.

All tapes were to be catalogued and housed in one location and special cassettes, devoted to particular themes, would be prepared for circulation.

Students interested in Jewish immigration or the Depression, for example, would be able to hear people of their grandparents' generation describing the period. The goal was to make extensive tape recordings of people knowledgeable in all areas of Jewish culture and recent Jewish history.

Originally, Mrs. Joseph and her group of volunteers planned to do all the taping themselves. The vast amount of time required to compile a full oral history of Montreal Jewry made this impossible.

Rather than disband the oral history committee, she is planning to give it a new orientation. She and most of the original women volunteers of the project will conduct a series of workshops on interviewing techniques and taping and editing procedures.

"If we open the program to the community as a whole," says Mrs. Joseph, "we can reach more people and preserve more memories."

She plans to arrange a workshop for the Golden Age Association as well as for community organizations, which, she feels, should have a permanent chronicle of their origins.

growth and development. She is particularly anxious that many tapes be made by people on an individual basis.

"I tell people to get their special family members on tape. I know for myself that I want my children to hear their grandmother's songs and grandfather's Yiddish stories 20 years from now."

As an anthropologist, Mrs. Joseph says her preference has always been the day-to-day events and ordinary members of society rather than great personalities and heavy statistical material.

It is important, she says, to appreciate a culture with its own frame of reference without applying the value judgments of a different era or way of life.

She feels that oral history, preserved on tape, is the most direct way to understand the people who comprised "the world of our fathers."



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"Painting too," Mr. Cracower adds. "I joined the art classes here and acquired a hobby I share with my daughter-in-law, who is an artist. I've been dabbling in ceramics with the Crafts group, enjoying things I never tried before. We laugh a lot in those classes. We're all beginners."

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Spoon as he appeared in 1939. He weighed 160 lbs.

Aging pugilists don gloves

By JANICE ARNOLD

Old fighters never die. Or so it would have appeared recently when 30 or so boxers from the '30s and '40s got together for an old-timers' fight night at the Centre Robillard.

Organized by Manny Gitnick, a former boxer and present owner of the Fashion Mart Restaurant on Chabanel, the tournament was for the benefit of the Dalse Club, a 40-year-old charitable organization of businessmen.

The night abounded with familiar names from the Montreal Jewish past like Maxie Berger, Issie Rubin, Louie Alter, Joey Dubrofsky and Maxie Spoon.

Spoon stole the show with two bouts against Ray McIntyre, 1937 Canadian middleweight champion.

A surprisingly gentle man inside a barrel-like

body, Maxie (not to be confused with Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom) is remembered as a rough and tough, heavy left-handed hitter, who rose from a well-known boxer during the late '30s to an international competitor during the war years. Today at 56, he bears that characteristic flattened nose.

Maxie is now vice-president of Mitchell-Lincoln Packaging, the largest manufacturer of plastic hangers in the country. But he is uncomfortable sitting behind a desk and spends most days doing what he likes best — on the road from 7:30 a.m. drumming up business in the heart of the garment industry.

He was born and raised in that part of the city known as Lower Outremont, and took up boxing at the age of 16 after having to leave high school after only one year



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Rivka Zohar singing her way into city's heart

By EDDY HILLEL

In 1967, the song *M'Avarech*, honoring Israeli troops killed during the Six Day War, became a smash hit and 20-year-old entertainer, Rivka Zohar, was on her way to stardom.

During the past two months, her crystalline voice, penetrating eyes, and vibrant personality have won the hearts of Montrealers as she has performed at a local night club.

"I have been singing all my life. It is my heritage. My mother and grandmother both sing. Since I was a child I knew my life would be singing," explained Rivka. It should be added that she has the virtuoso range of an opera singer, as well as being an expert ballroom dancer.

Rivka's rise to fame was quick and tumultuous. After serving in the army for three years, as a member of an entertainment group, she began to sing and act in various musicals throughout the country.

It is difficult for Hebrew entertainers to achieve international recognition, since that language appeals mostly to Israelis, says Rivka, who has overcome this hurdle. She sings in seven languages: Spanish, Greek, Italian, Arabic, French, English and Hebrew.

In Israel, Rivka has been no less than a superstar. She is still unchallenged as the country's best female singer and an opinion poll published in a women's magazine last year established her as the third most popular woman in Israel — after former prime minister Golda Meir and actress Hanna Meron.

But fame has had its price, and for Rivka, the installment payments were looming larger and more demanding.

"No one knew the real me. I was a manufactured product. Women were going to hairdressers and asking for 'Rivka Zohar Style.' After four years I was fed up. People telling me what to say and wear, what to do, how to speak and who to speak to."

"It is a trap to be famous. You start acting the way people expect you to act. You forget who you are."

She was born in Pek'een, a village of 300 inhabitants nestled in the northeastern province of Galilee. The majority of her neighbors were Arab farmers, living from the land and sharing their thatched huts with mules and other animals.

"For me, it is a tragic joke that we fight with Arabs. We are the same people, we eat the same food, and we have a common mentality," declared Rivka.

Her unabashed love for her homeland radiates throughout her conversation and her eyes sparkle

Montreal's Renaissance man

By MEL SOLMAN

If Montreal can claim to have a Renaissance man in its midst, he is Harry Mayerovitch — architect, town planner, painter, sculptor, poet, cartoonist and McGill professor.

Recently, he renewed a minor interest in photography with results that surprised even him. The Westmount Library, impressed by the pictures he had casually taken in nearby Westmount Park, offered to hold a 10-day exhibition of 40 of his photographs. The exhibition has just come to a close.

Mayerovitch is currently working on a children's story and is awaiting the publication of a book entitled *The Second Coming*, a series of humorous cartoons depicting the return of Jesus to a less than perfect world.

"The reason I do as many things as I do," says Mayerovitch, "is because I've never made up my mind as to what area of interest is more important than another. Either it is just curiosity or else I am still trying to find the proper form for the proper idea."

Born in Montreal and educated at McGill, Mayerovitch served as art director of the Canadian War Information Board from 1941-1943. As part of the bicentenary of the Canadian Jewish community in 1959, he helped co-ordinate an exhibition of Jewish artists at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

He is a member of both the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and the Canadian Society of Graphic Arts and serves as town planner for the city of Westmount.

As a member of Teddy Kollek's Jerusalem Committee, Mayerovitch travels to Israel annually to advise on the planning of the city. He is concerned that most major cities have been conquered by the automobile and outgrown their original purpose.

"One of the fascinating things about cities is the way they concentrate so many diverse activities in a small area. But it is getting to a point where that concentration is making cities non-productive."

He deplores the demolition of historically important buildings, particularly those structures which fill a special need. The tearing down of old hotels or apartment buildings is senseless, he explains, when their expensive replacements deprive poorer sectors of the population of facilities they had previously enjoyed.

"Of course it doesn't make sense to maintain every old building. The problem is achieving a balance, since every age has its new requirements."

What may sustain Harry Mayerovitch as a Renaissance man in this modern age is buoyant optimism. "I do have an optimistic view of life. Many people say, given the potential of human beings, why don't they do more? I say, given that human beings are so imperfect, it is amazing what they do achieve."

Originality, says Mayerovitch, is a dangerous word. He believes that all one can do is approach a project truthfully and accurately. If that turns out to be original, it has nothing to do with trying to make it that way. "Striving for originality is futile," he says.

He criticizes the tendency of the 1960s, still lingering today, which downgrades the importance of laws, rational thought and the intellect. "Those who live only by their intuitions," he says, "will simply destroy themselves."



(R. J. Diamond photo)
Harry Mayerovitch practices with his camera. He is a poet, sculptor and McGill professor.

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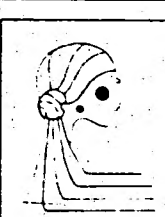
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Court Room of Osgoode Hall Law School. Formerly regius professor of civil law at Oxford, Daube will discuss "Biblical Landmarks in the Struggle for Women's Rights".

The 'Or 'Emet fund was established last year to

promote, through public discussion, research and scholarly writing, public and professional appreciation of the significance of religion, ethics, culture and history in the development of the legal system. Each year, a distinguished lecturer selected

by the directors of the fund will deliver a public lecture concerned with these themes at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, and will spend some time informally in the law school, meeting with faculty and students. The lecture will be printed and given appropriate distribution in Canada. The directors of the fund are Mr. Justice Lloyd W. Houlden, Mr. Justice Sydney L. Robins, Ernest

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Toronto B'nai B'rith lodges planning many Bond events

TORONTO — Toronto B'nai B'rith lodges are giving top priority status to their Israel Bond programs this year. The October calendar of Bond events shows a record number of lodges holding special events, far surpassing the numbers in previous years, according to Murray Zeidenberg, Toronto Regional Council president, and Joseph Shabes, Israel Bond chairman.

Yorkdale Lodge is once again a Bond campaign pace-setter with final arrangements now being made for sponsorship of

their second Million Dollar Note for Israel.

This will be announced at the annual Bond award dinner on Nov. 6, when Charles Goldlust will be the guest of honor and award recipient. A tribute committee dinner, held in the spring by Yorkdale Lodge, laid a solid base of individual Bond purchases by members and this will be further augmented at a reception on Oct. 12 being hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rotberg, in honor of Goldlust.

The intensified activities of Toronto B'nai B'rith are in line with actions

taken in Washington recently by the policy makers of international B'nai B'rith. A strong appeal was made for participation by each and every lodge in the U.S. and Canada in sponsoring an Israel Bond event for their members.

To date, 18 Toronto lodges have announced their events for the coming weeks: Toronto Lodge, Monday, Oct. 10 and Manor Metropolitan, Sunday, Oct. 16, Eglinton

Lodge will host nine smaller lodges on Tuesday, Oct. 18 — Aaron Hart, Armour Heights, Canada Circle, Don Mills, La Fraternite, Forestdale Heights, Latin America, Sterling and Thornhill.

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Avi-Hai to address Zaglambier affair for Israel Bonds

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On this occasion, the senior members of the society will welcome the members of the newly-formed young men's division of the Zaglambier Society comprising the sons of the founding members.

"Judging by the example of dedication to Israel and Israel Bonds set by the society, we look forward confidently to the achievements of the enthusiastic new group, following in the footsteps of their fathers," declared Harry Weinstock, chairman of organizations and landmanshaften, Toronto



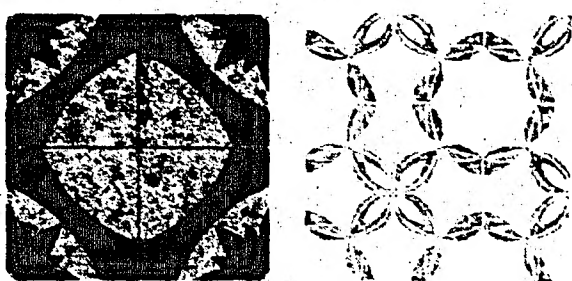
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State of Israel Bonds.

Guest speaker at the dinner will be Avraham Avi-Hai, a former Torontonian who has lived in Israel for the past 25 years. He has had a distinguished career as adviser to members of the Israel cabinet. Avi-Hai is also a noted journalist and scholar, and author of the recent book, *Ben-Gurion: Statebuilder*.

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Pop historian crusades for Yonge Street

TORONTO [Staff] — Yonge Street — the flashy neon showcase, commercial menagerie and nightlife magnet — is still fighting its maligned image as Canada's "sin strip." It may well have found its savior in Jay Myers.

What Pierre Berton did for the railway and Farley Mowat for the north, the 28-year-old pop historian hopes to do for Yonge Street, in his first book, *The Great Canadian Road*, the premiere offering of a new publishing house, Red Rock.

Yonge Street, the great Canadian road? Myers thinks so, and he's traced the history of this city's main thoroughfare from its origins as a winding portage trail, military route and stage coach line to its development as a link to the northwest hinterland of Ontario: all 1,178.3 miles.

"Yonge Street has a national reputation for being a maelstrom of lascivious elements which has

been stoked by underworld moguls," says Myers, "and nurtured by the public need to seek sexual fantasy and pleasure."

"There's much more history to Yonge Street than four blocks in Toronto," he adds. "Calling it a 'sin strip' is like saying the soul of Canada is a frozen hockey puck."

Not only is it the world's longest street, which the young writer proved by having it registered in the *Guinness Book of World Records*, it has a rich history peopled by couriers de bois, moralistic Quaker settlements, immigrant shanty towns, Simcoe, Mackenzie and Sir George Yonge, a dignified English gentleman who ironically never set foot on Canadian soil.

While Myers hasn't yet developed Berton's panache or Mowat's depth of sensitivity, the facts are readily compiled. "On its own level," he says, "Yonge Street is a scale model of the railway. What the railway did for



Jay Myers, author of "The Great Canadian Road."

Confederation, Yonge Street did for Upper Canada, even prior to Confederation."

Though never schooled in history, the York University fine arts graduate is a firm believer in popularizing our "roots,"

at a time when it's fashionable and profitable to wean the public from its dry-as-dust conception of Canadian historiography.

"We've ignored ourselves by studying American and British history," Myers notes. "And the

stuff that is written on Canada is academic balderdash, academic hypnosis."

He will concede that popular history has its enemies, particularly among the academics who consider it "a perversion." But he attributes the criticism of authors like Berton — his idol — to jealousy, because of their commercial successes.

Myers plans to make a career of subjective history. He already writes a number of columns for a variety of magazines and weekly newspapers. A screenplay of his book is in the works and a variety of additional volumes are planned: a history of North York, a book on the steamship R.M. Seguin and a two-part guide to Canadian history. He's turned public lecturer as well.

Spending close to a year researching *The Great Canadian Road*, with the help of an Ontario Arts Council grant, he has gathered together some of the social gossip of the day — the death by duel of Upper Canada's first attorney-general, John White and the brutal murder of a gentryman and his attractive head housekeeper, for example.

Myers also describes legislative curiosities like the Stump Act which committed public drunks to removing tree roots in an effort to clear the roadway and the political intrigue surrounding the actual auction of parts of the Yonge tollroads to a private interest for personal gain.

Though long on facts and short on local color, the book does chronicle the exploration through brush, mud and swamp north to Lake Simcoe and northwest right to Rainy River. In fact the Yonge Street history was not completed until the opening of a connecting link to the Trans-Canada High-

way in 1965. Industrial progress — from swampy trail, to gravel, to cedar block paving, brick, concrete and asphalt, to the construction of the subway — is all outlined, but of less fascination than the social

commentary. "If we didn't have people to popularize our past," says Myers, "if we didn't make it enjoyable, we would still be reading about Henry VIII, the Magna Carta and the American Revolution."

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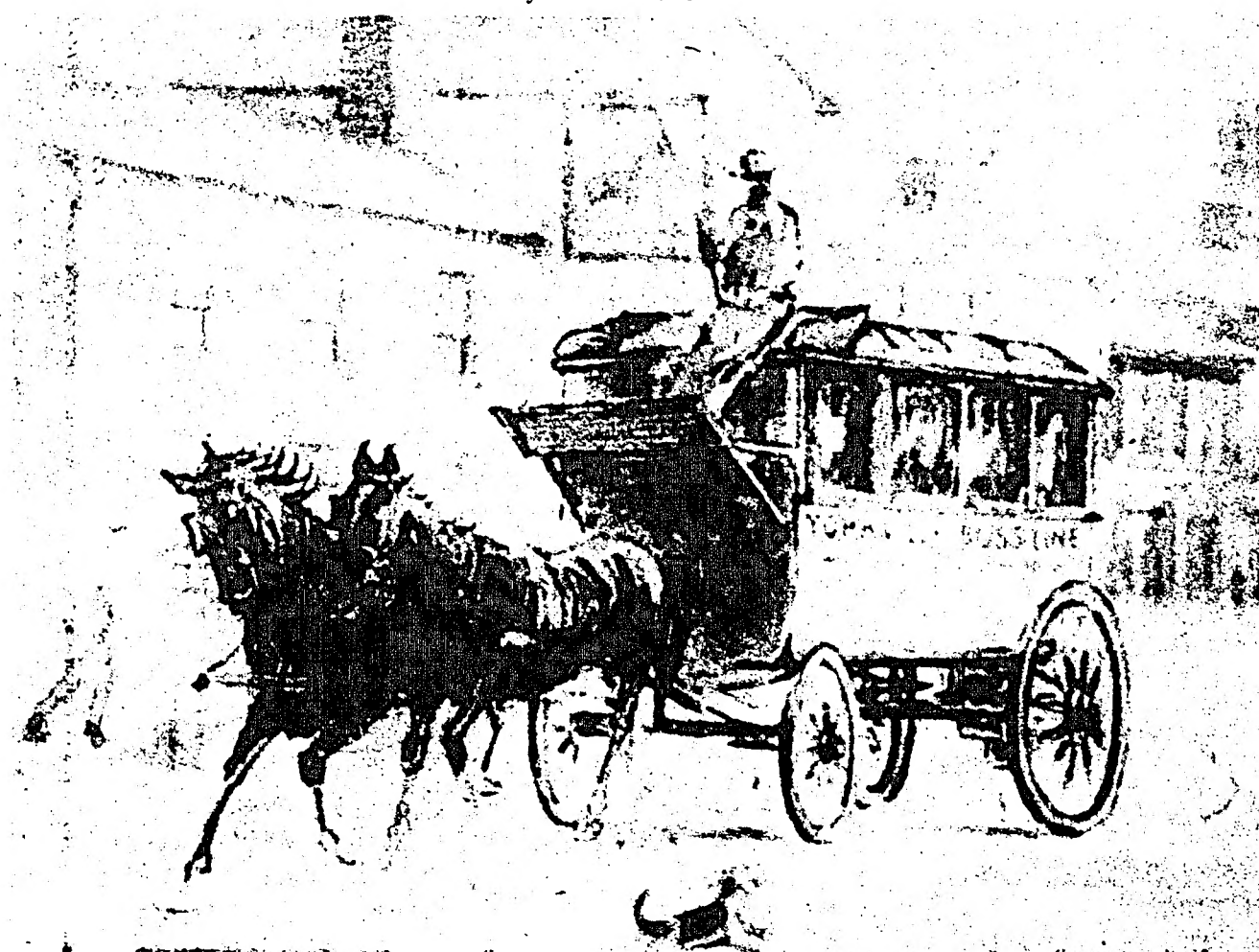
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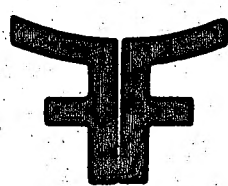
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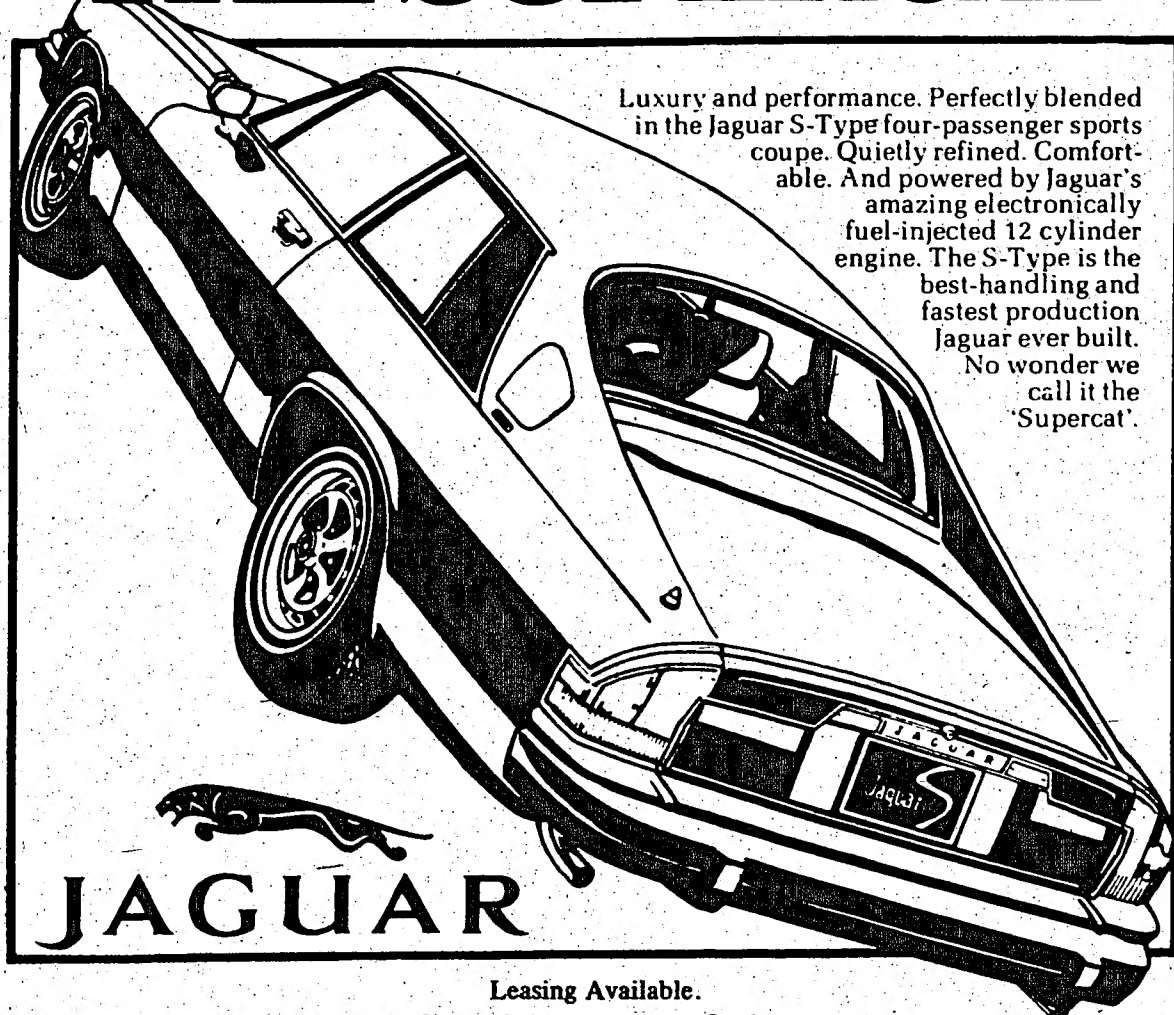
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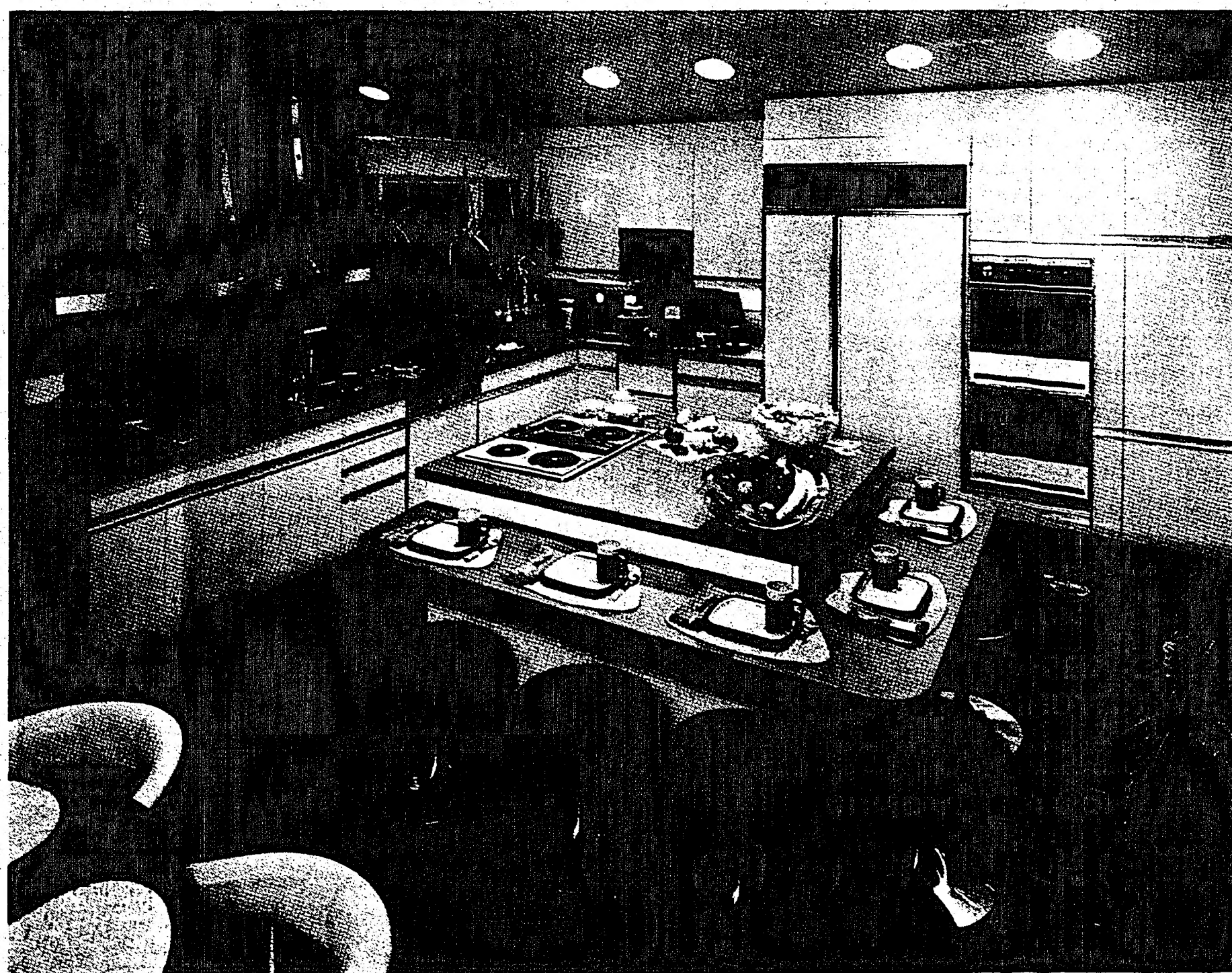
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Film 'whiz kid' Garth Drabinsky is mover and shaker.

Idealistic trio hope to alter the status of our film industry

film

By LYNN SLOTKIN

It's common knowledge that the state of the feature film industry in Canada is at a level of mediocrity. But fortunately, three men with brains, a realistic vision, and commitment hope to change all that.

Garth Drabinsky has earned a reputation as 'the whiz kid' of the Canadian entertainment law field. He has accomplished an incredible amount in a short period of time, and it isn't just due to luck.

He never stops working, seeing opportunities and seizing them. In second year law school at the University of Toronto, he "knew there was a void in the entertainment law field in Canada" and chose that as his area of specialty.

presently filming in Toronto.

Drabinsky is 29. His two producers and not so silent partners in the last film are Joel Michaels and Stephen Young. Michaels brings his experience as an actor to *The Silent Partner*.

He left his native Buffalo in 1958 with stars in his eyes to become an actor in Los Angeles. He then moved to New York where he studied with Stella Adler; spent a season at Stratford, Ontario, where he met his wife Diana Maddox, and then spent a few years in Toronto still as an actor (he and Stephen Young met while they were extras in a CBC program).

Producing films was a natural next step for Michaels.

He moved into film production in 1967 and his most recent film, besides *The Silent Partner*, is *Blitzkrieg Love*, which he produced with Young, a Torontonian. They both sought legal advice from Drabinsky, and the idea to form a partnership began.

Young also brought his expertise as an actor to the production end, but the learning process didn't happen overnight. After drifting from one job to another after high school, he and a friend decided to take a boat to Rome where they knew the film industry was booming, and where, naturally, they would be hired.

They found out that it's cold in Rome in winter, and if you don't have money, you go hungry. They did get jobs on the film *Cleopatra* for a few months as extras. This led to other small parts in *The Leopard*, *55 Days at Peking* and a Disney film.

The smaller roles led to bigger ones until he landed a leading role in the television series *The Sea-ward* and later a lead in *Judd for the Defence*.

All three men have different experiences and backgrounds but they are similar in their desire to make good films that make money.

Drabinsky says it best: "The thing that I've noticed more and more is that the level of standards that were expected of those people within the industry (Canadian film industry) were not high enough, that they were willing to accept mediocrity when excellence should not be the sticking point in art. Excellence is the only thing you can strive for, and if you can't obtain that, then I really think that you should not do it because it's a wasted effort."

Drabinsky, Michaels and Young are as idealistic and nationalistic as anyone — they want to build Canada's film industry and improve its quality and reputation in order to compete in the world market. But they also know that you can't successfully

compete if the Canadian unions keep closing the doors to foreign artists.

There was no problem in hiring Elliott Gould for the film because he is an established star; or in hiring Christopher Plummer, who is a star and Canadian (as is director Daryl Duke, Oscar Peterson, who will compose the score, and 47 actors who will play various speaking parts).

But there was some hesitation in granting per-

mission to hire Susannah York on the part of the Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA). "ACTRA apparently feels that there are actresses here of her stature and she, thereby, is displacing someone from working. Now, I've been through *Face to Face* (a book of photos and resumes of Canadian actresses and actors) and I didn't see anyone of the stature of Susannah York."

Mulligan saves Freedman work from disaster

music

By RICK KARDONNE

To be asked to present an honor is often as supreme a tribute as being the recipient of the honor.

Such a tribute was accorded to composer Harry Freedman, who had the ultimate distinction of honoring Gerry Mulligan, one of the world's leading jazz saxophonists, by being commissioned by the CBC to write *Celebration for Baritone Sax and Orchestra*. Mulligan performed it on his 50th birthday, Sept. 17, at Hamilton Place.

Too bad that the CBC Hamilton Festival Orchestra, under the direction of Howard Cable, did not meet the first-rate musical standards which such a significant world premiere required. How many rehearsals were there?

Evidently not that many, as indicated by the flaccid string section (particularly the rusty violas) and the lack of co-ordination between the glomenspiel and the rest of the ensemble during some key passages.

The brass section at times sounded overly harsh. Thus, the generally unsatisfactory orchestral backup did not create the most ideal circumstances from which the Freedman composition could be most accurately evaluated.

Fortunately, Mulligan's lead role was flawlessly spirited, and this alone sufficed in avoiding any major embarrassments.

As presented, therefore, the strengths of the composition were largely to be found in the fast first and third movements; both structured around the frequent repetition of bouncy Charlie Parker-style, abstract, be-bop motifs.

The development of short, one-bar or two-bar motifs seems to be a con-

sistent pattern in Freedman compositions as indicated by the Sept. 17 concert. There was a swinging rhythm section, and this, along with Mulligan's lively total involvement, created a fair amount of excitement.

But the slow middle part dragged. Perhaps it was due to the aforementioned weak string section, which carried more of the action here. Or perhaps it was due to the fact that the composition lacked a compelling melodic slow theme which I felt was badly needed here in order to insert some focus.

Instead, there were some fairly interesting sax riffs. But, as heard against a dirge-like accompaniment, they were too fragmented and failed to rescue the entire slow movement from a general mood of tedium.

Harry Freedman's other composition, performed during the first half of the concert aired over CBC-FM on Sept. 20, was written entirely for strings.

And since the string section was so weak, any attempt at a proper critical judgment of the piece's compositional merits would, under the circumstances, be unfair. As a result of the limp, lacklustre performance, audience reaction was not too enthusiastic.

This is the second time this year that I have heard a generally ill-prepared CBC radio orchestra. And so, the impact of the first half of the concert paled in comparison to that of the second half: the thrilling performance of the Mulligan New Sextet (to be broadcast over CBC-AM on Nov. 12).

Consisting of six all-star musicians (the Jewish members being Dave Samuels on vibes and Bob Rosengarden on drums), this group wowed the near-capacity audience with a dynamic blend of some melodically original harmonic progressions, along with some Billy Strayhorn and Duke Ellington classics.

In his casual, confidently cool manner of emcee as well as band leader, Mulligan easily won everybody's heart with his virtuosic performances of baritone sax, soprano sax, and even the piano.

The notes and research for the film course developed into a book, *Motion Pictures and the Arts in Canada*. In order to accomplish all this he worked 80-90 hours a week.

To satisfy his entrepreneurial leanings he and CITY-TV president Moses Znamer produced the award-winning play, *Travesties*, last year in Toronto.

Presently, he is the executive producer of two feature films: *The Disappearance* with Donald Sutherland, recently completed, and *The Silent Partner*, starring Christopher Plummer, Elliott Gould and Susannah York.

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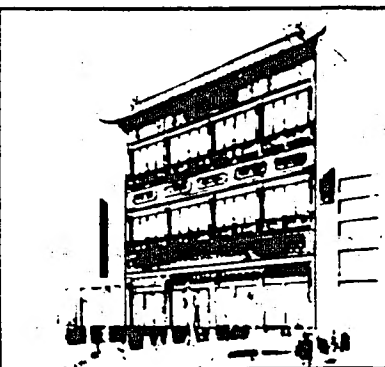
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Talk of U.S. Haifa base 'blown out of proportion'

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Talk of a possible U.S. naval base in Haifa has blown far out of proportion the realities of such an establishment coming to pass, both United States and Israeli sources agreed here.

Some major newspapers prominently reported scraps of information from the meeting Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan held with the House International Relations Committee with the implication that it was Dayan's idea.

Rep. Clement Zablocki (D-Wis.), the committee chairman, angered by leaks from the closed door meeting, demanded silence from all those present but it is known, since the initial leakage occurred, that it was not Dayan who brought up the subject, but "one or more Congressmen" attending, a Capitol source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Dayan, the source said, was responding to initial questioning about such a possibility when he reportedly commented that if the U.S. sought a base for its Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, Israel would be ready to co-operate to

show its dependability as an ally.

The State and Defence Departments both said no serious considerations are being given to such a base. The Israeli embassy, noting Dayan was responding to a hypothetical question, said Israel has never asked for military support from any country and will not ask for it. Israel's policy opposes foreign interests or military personnel fighting for Israel, a spokesman said.

The Haifa idea is understood to have arisen from

an eight-point plan for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement offered by Rep. Paul Findley (R-Ill.), who had attended the meeting with Dayan. An aide said Findley did not mention Haifa but pointed out the best way for the U.S. to fulfil its security guarantee for a peace settlement would be to establish a base in Israel.

Findley, one of a handful of Congressmen who has been consistently critical of Israel over the years, is circulating his proposal widely, including all the embassies in Washington.

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Community stalwarts leave hometown

By HARVEY WARREN
KITCHENER

The Kitchener-Waterloo Jewish community turned out in force to say goodbye to one of its own, with scrolls and plaques and a fountain of tears.

Alec and Alice Orzy have moved to Toronto after more than 30 years of community involvement in Kitchener-Waterloo. Both have held every position of every organization in the community, many more than once.

About 200 damp-eyed well-wishers crowded the Beth Jacob Community Centre, a building Orzy is credited with instigating, to embrace the family many have known most of their lives.

Among the dignitaries attending the testimonial dinner, Regional Municipality of Waterloo Chairman Jack Young said he and the council view the Orzys' move to Toronto "with the same kind of trepidation that Rene Levesque regards the proposed exodus of the Royal Bank of Canada." He began "to lose a taxpayer like you Alec..." before laughter drowned him out.

Kitchener's loss will be a gain for Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. The proceeds of the dinner (\$10 a head) will be supplemented by Orzy to provide an endowment fund of \$5,000 for the centre.

K-W has been sending money to Baycrest for more than 12 years to remain affiliated with the centre and ensure admission of the community's elderly regardless of their ability to pay.

All the women's groups lauded Alice Orzy for her commitment and leadership. She was the founding president of the Sharon chapter of Hadassah and its first life member. Kitchener now has three chapters.

K-W Hadassah-WIZO President Surky Wolynetz urged Mrs. Orzy to return to Kitchener for the annual bazaar to man the microphone. "It wouldn't be the same without you," she said.

Sisterhood spokesman Eve Bergstein said Mrs. Orzy had "instilled in us pride in our community, goodwill and caring." She was sisterhood president several times and served on every committee. Mrs. Bergstein added Kitchener was losing "the pillars of the community."

Sisterhood past-president, Rochelle Singer, acclaimed Orzy's efforts to establish adult education in the community. Torah classes are now in their 10th year, she beamed.

Barbara Walters of the lay committee of Camp Ramah noted that in 10 years, attendance from the K-W region rose from two (the Orzy children) to 22 as a result of their influence.

Father Robert Liddy, assistant provincial superior of the Congregation of the Resurrection, who served on the Inter-faith Counselling Services board with Orzy, acknowledged his commitment to the counselling centre and said "if it hadn't been for Alec's contribution I don't know if it could have flourished to the extent it has."

Orzy was also honored by Gordon Hamblin of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Orzy served as chairman in 1967.

Israel Bonds Chairman Bernie Papernick credited Orzy with organizing the first local campaign and giving inspiration to others while Michael Walters, UIA president, said "to speak about Kitchener-Waterloo Jewish Federated Charities is to speak about Alec Orzy."

Sidney Bergstein, past-president of both B'nai B'rith and the synagogue, said Orzy was responsible for preventing the death of K-W B'nai B'rith. The organization was drifting,

Bergstein said, and the Toronto officials came to end the chapter.

Orzy refused to allow B'nai B'rith to die and began to reactivate it, he said. He noted Orzy, who was president three times since 1954, was still a trustee.

Joe Brown, past-president of the synagogue, called Orzy "the best, creative, responsible manager our community has had in 25 years."

Orzy convinced the membership to sell the old synagogue and to build the new centre on Stirling Avenue. Through Orzy's efforts the synagogue was built without mortgaging the next generation, Brown said.

Jack Rosen, who was Orzy's vice-president of

the synagogue when the decision was made to erect a new structure, said Orzy and Beth Jacob were one and the same and dubbed him "Mr. Beth Jacob."

A scroll which stated that a plaque would be put up dedicating a window in

the sanctuary in Orzy's honor was presented by Harold Zacks.

Rabbi Philip Rosenzweig, Kitchener's spiritual leader for more than 24 years, said the entire community and the synagogue stand as a monu-

ment to the Orzys' dedication and selflessness.

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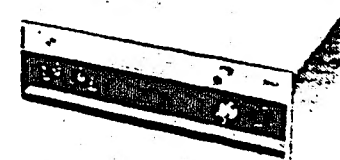
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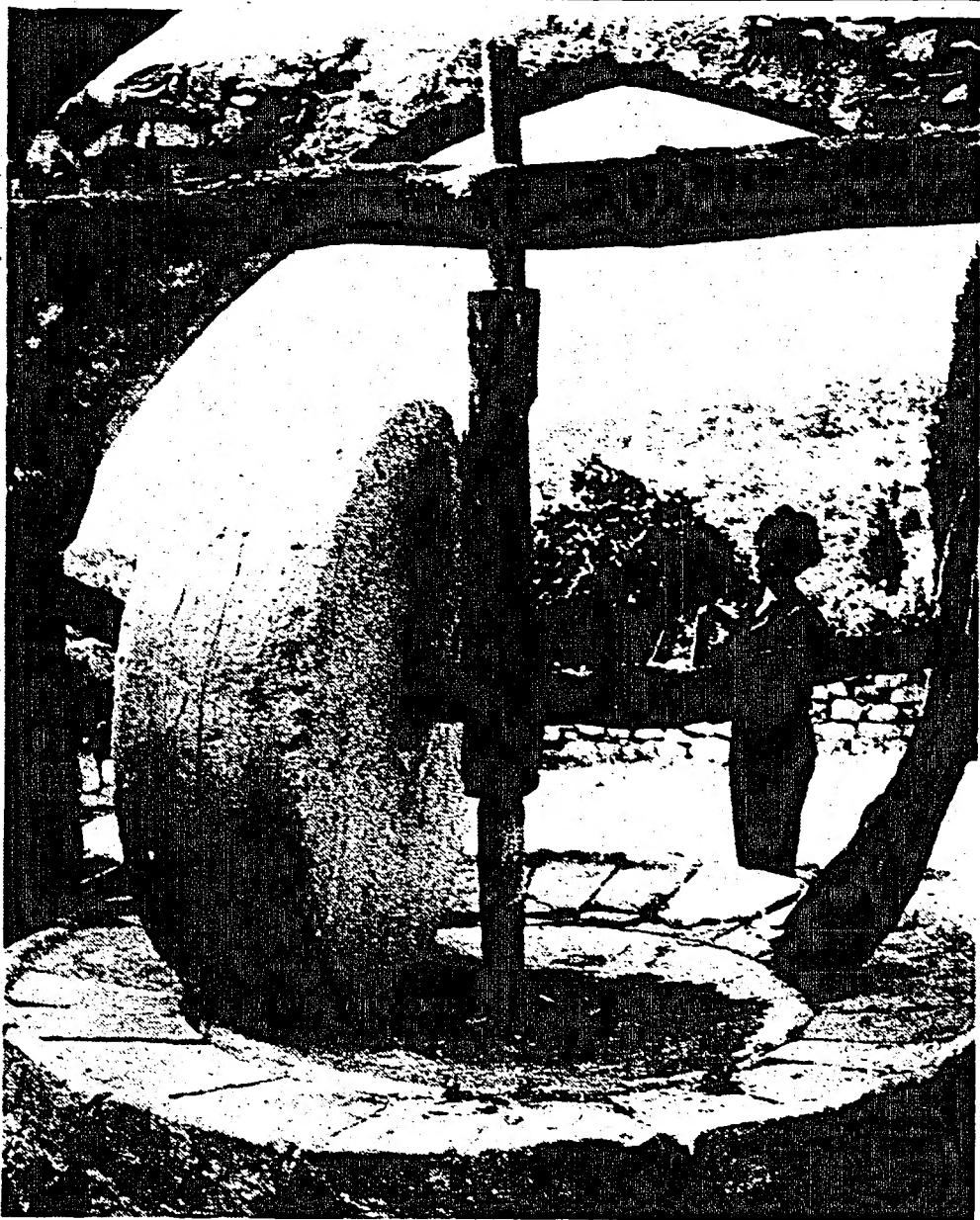
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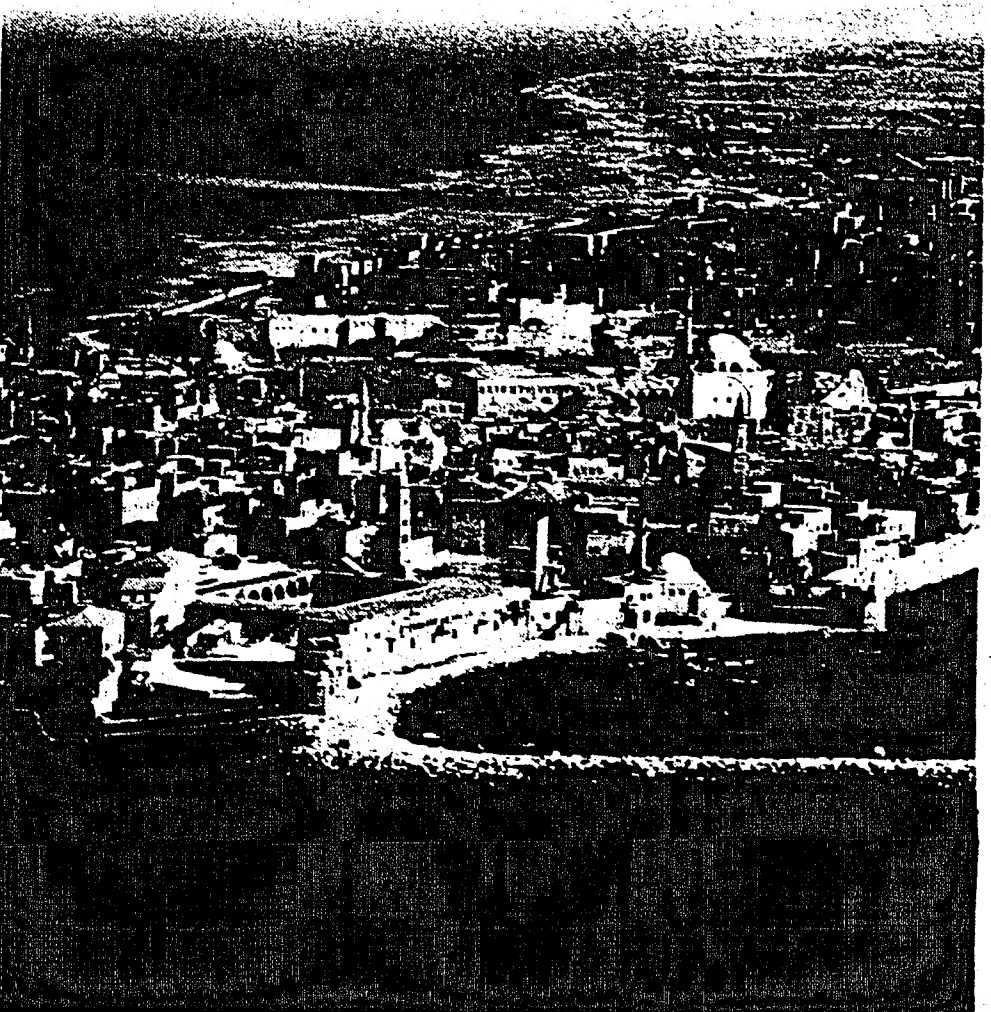
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The association is offering several general tours of the Haifa area. These include many points of unusual religious appeal, such as: the Bahai Temple, world centre of the Bahai faith, and its Persian Gardens; the Stella Maris Monastery; the Cave of Elijah the Prophet; the little-known Arab village of Kababir, home of the Ha'achmadim Indian-origined sect; the Carmelite Monastery on Mount Carmel overlooking the Jezreel Valley, and

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Also on the tour agenda are visits to the Illegal Immigration and Naval Museum; the National Maritime Museum, the Dagon Grain Museum and Silo; the old Arab quarter; the Beit Gefen Jewish Arab Cultural Centre, and Chagall House. A half-day tour of the Mount Carmel area includes the striking new campuses of Haifa University and the Technion with breathtaking views of the entire western Galilee.

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Settlement on Sephardi seat

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they figure that out we will know where we stand."

Chocron said Aaron Polack, one of the original spokesmen of the '70s, had offered the Sephardim a position of alternate delegate. This offer was turned down by the Sephardim a couple of weeks ago.

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JEWISH PSYCHE MOLDS CABARET COMEDIANS

By BONNIE HUROWITZ

TORONTO — Steve Brinder describes it as therapeutic.

Marjory Gross says it's a challenge and a bit of a power trip, and for Brian Nasimok it's just a wonderful feeling.

To Larry Horowitz, it's a challenge and a bit of a power trip, and for Brian Nasimok it's just a wonderful feeling.

What are these people talking about? No, it isn't transcendental meditation or a new drug. It's comedy. Stand up comedy to be exact.

Brinder, Gross, Horowitz and Nasimok are members of a new breed: they're young, bright, Jewish and they're very funny. All are familiar faces around Yuk Yuks, the Toronto comedy club which makes its home in a dingy basement in a downtown community centre every Wednesday evening. It will soon open six nights a week.

For most of the novice performers, it's a part-time diversion. But for others, particularly Horowitz and Gross, Yuk Yuks is merely the beginning of the long haul into the dog-eat-dog world of show business. They aim to be the future David Steinbergs, Dave Brenners and Gilda Radners.

It's true that Jews have dominated North American comedy since the days of vaudeville, but it takes guts to get up onto a small, decrepit stage in front of an audience hungry for laughs. What is it then, about this tough, often heart-breaking business which continues to attract so many young Jewish people?

Mark Breslin, a small dapper man, affectionately referred to as "Minnie Mark Breslin," by the club regulars, thinks that



Marjory Gross is polishing her act and planning to hit bigtime in California.

it really does have something to do with the Jewish character.

"Jews are terribly verbal people, we are the people of 'the Book,' and comedy is a verbal skill," he explains. "Whereas blacks use jazz as a mode of expression, we use comedy."

Not surprisingly, the comedians themselves are quick to credit the Jewish psyche with playing a determining role in leading them to develop an interest in comedy.

"It's the introspective Jewish nature," responds Steve Brinder, an exuberant performer. "Jews ask a lot of questions, we wonder about things and we have a social conscience. When I get on stage, I talk about things that are bothering me. I comment on controversial social issues."

Horowitz, 23 and a two-year veteran of Toronto's comedy scene, feels "the main thing is knowing that you are a member of the 'downtrodden,'

which makes you want to strike out to be something special."

Jewish performers at Yuk Yuks contend that the traditional form of Jewish humor is dead. Chicken soup is old hat and Jewish mothers no longer are a limitless source of material.

As Breslin points out: "In a sense, there are really no Jewish comedians at Yuk Yuks. The Jewish kids do nothing different from the others. They have a very 'now' kind of humor. It's actually very assimilated, which reflects the position of the Jewish community in North America."

"You can't do the Jewish number or you're dead, very few people can relate to it," Marjory Gross explains simply. A 21-year-old native of Toronto, she has spent the last few years in New York, and she has discovered, along with her compatriots, that the key to success is a widespread appeal.

Brinder, Horowitz and Nasimok all have "Jewish material." Brinder has classic routines on "Dating the Jewish American Princess" and "Growing up Jewish in a Gentile Neighborhood." Nasimok does a great bit on "Talking Out the Gentile Girl."

For Horowitz and Gross, comedy has become a profession. Not a lucrative profession, as of yet, but it's certainly exciting.

At present, Horowitz describes himself as a "part-time swimming instructor, and part-time comic." However, he's

working hard to ensure that the part-time comic shortly becomes full-time. Horowitz got his start at Gene Taylor's Improv, after dropping out of an inhibiting fine arts program at York University. What turned him on to comedy? Well, he discovered that it was the easiest way to get on stage and he'd already learned the power of humor as a youngster.

"I was overweight as a kid," he elaborated. "I used humor to gain acceptance because if I made other kids laugh, they wouldn't beat me up."

Marjory Gross, a bright-eyed brunette, is also "going the route," like Horowitz. She is working hard, searching for new material and polishing her act slowly before heading to California to try for a spot on the big-time talk shows, and a crack at fame.

"I thought I could do better than those guys on Dean Martin," she says.

Brinder, a 24-year-old supply teacher, found himself without work for a week last March, and went down to Yuk Yuks to perform on a whim. He's been appearing almost weekly ever since.

"The idea is to be funny and yet to say something," relates Brinder, an energetic entertainer who admires Lenny Bruce, and has adopted something of his style.

"I like to keep fresh by constantly trying out new material," he continues. "If this leads to something, that's great, but if it doesn't, well, I also love teaching."

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